

St. Peter's Church, Shorwell

Minutes of PCC Meeting held on 25th February 2015

Present: Revd Helen O'Sullivan (chairman), Steve Sutcliffe (lay minister), Yvonne Willoughby, Jill Downer, Brenda Rowe, Mary Tester and Yvonne Hide.

Apologies for absence were received from: Richard Morrison, Roy Carter Jones, Jill Jackman and Jan White.

1. Steve opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 15.10.14 and of the extra-ordinary meeting held on 23.11.14 were both accepted as correct. Helen signed the 23.11.14 minutes. Those of 15.10.14 were signed last October.
3. Matters Arising
 - Church spire. Scaffolding has been in place for about 3 months (initially hired for 20 weeks). Yvonne W. will ask Anna to find out when the stonemasons plan to start work. A lightning conductor is not absolutely necessary and no decision has been made about installing one. The original quotation for the work was £8000 + £2200 for safety measures + sundries, totalling £12000. Ecclesiastical Insurance have settled with a payment of just over £9000. We now need ideas to start fundraising.
 - £6000 has not yet been transferred from the CCLA deposit account to St. Peter's PCC Lloyd's account. Yvonne H. will contact the CCLA about arranging this (see Yvette Hoyland's email on file).
 - Lectern. The use of the reading desk will be reviewed after 6 months.
4. Treasurer's Report
Our Share is overpaid by 10%. Diocesan fees are paid but the costs we share with other parishes in the benefice (15% of total) are not yet paid.
5. Church spire – see above under 3.
6. Mission Opportunities Fund
Short discussion concluded Shorwell was not in a position to contribute.
7. Deanery Synod Report.
At a meeting in St. James, Yarmouth in November, Revd Sandra Tebbutt from Bible Society described THE BIG MISSION, the society's aim to open the Bible to 20 million children world wide by 2020.

7. Deanery Synod Report (contd.)

Revd Tebbutt also showed 2 short films of ecstatic communities in China and Indonesia receiving copies of the New Testament in their own language for the first time.

In the second part of the meeting, the Archdeacon led discussion with questions on "One Island Deanery". A vote on the motion "This Synod agrees that the two Deaneries of the Archdeaconry be merged to form one Deanery of the Isle of Wight" was passed by 30 votes with none against and one abstention.

In January, a joint East and West Wight Deanery meeting was held at All Saints', Ryde to consider the Archdeacon's document "Living Together". (This will be discussed at the next JPCC meeting on 18.4.15).
8. Correspondence

Helen had received an email from someone involved with several Island organizations, mental health and services for the elderly, who was planning a West Wight area special dementia--friendly church service to be held in Brighstone at Easter.

A letter from Carisbrooke Priory invited St. Peter's to join in a Flower Festival in early August to celebrate the laying of the Priory foundation stone 150 years ago. All agreed we should take part and contribute towards the cost of flowers.

Newsletters from Latin Link and IDWAL are displayed in the church.
9. Any Other Business
 - Joint APCM is on 16.4.15 at The Three Bishops, Brighstone.
 - Shorwell Local Ministry: Steve spoke about his involvement in our community from Monday to Friday each week: taking funerals and Holy Communion to the housebound, the continuing success of The Moot and a youth group for 11+ year olds.
 - Special Services: a walk from Shorwell to Brighstone for a joint service on Good Friday is planned and a Palm Sunday service with a dramatic reading of the Passion by Brighstone-based young people.
 - Joint Services with Methodists: suggested, a Christian Aid service at the Chapel on 10.5.15 and the Remembrance Day service in St. Peter's on 8.11.15. Yvonne H. to discuss with Marion Challoner.
 - Judith Stratton (Age UKIW) is aiming to develop activities in Shorwell with a meeting in the Village Hall on 16.3.15. and one at the Crown Inn on 11.3.15.
 - a Lent Lunch in the Village Hall on 14.3.15. in aid of Parkinson's UK
 - Bells. Mary asked about general maintenance, costs, etc. Yvonne H. will discuss this with the Tower Captain (Cal Challoner)
10. Helen closed the meeting with prayer and the Grace at 8.15pm..