

St. Peter's Church, Shorwell
Minutes of a PCC Meeting held on 8th December 2015

Present: Stephen Sutcliffe (lay minister), Yvonne Willoughby, Roy Carter Jones, Mary Tester, Jill Thomas, Janet White and Yvonne Hide.

Apologies for absence were received from: Revd Helen O'Sullivan and Brenda Rowe.

1. Steve took the chair and opened the meeting with prayer.
2. The minutes of the last meeting held on 18.11.20 were accepted as correct and signed by Steve.
3. Matters arising:
 - Shorwell Charities' Money. The bank (Santander) refused to accept the request, signed at the last PCC meeting, to transfer this money and, because of data protection, also refused to give any details about the account. They provided printed forms for completion by two signatories, each with two means of identification, before they will allow access to the account. Yvonne Willoughby and Yvonne Hide agreed to be signatories and arrange the transfer of funds.
 - St. Christopher Merchandise. Laura suggested ordering 100 tea cloths and 60 mugs costing £550 in total (i.e. £530 + £20 p&p). Net price per mug is £4.05 and per tea cloth £2.94, (sold in church for £6.00 per mug and £4.50 per tea cloth). As visitor numbers are low in winter and the parish has recently paid 2 large bills, it was decided to defer reordering until nearer Easter 2016.
 - Kitchen/Toilet Project. Jan reported Jill Downer had visited Gatcombe Church and was awaiting a report from their project manager. This item will be discussed at the next PCC meeting.
4. Treasurer's Report.

Yvonne had just received November's bank statement which showed there was just £3099 in the current account. The Parish Share and a large sum towards the running costs of the benefice had recently been paid to account for this depletion. Gift Aid was not included.
5. Lay Minister's Report.

Steve confirmed that a group plans to sing carols specifically for the housebound around the village on Sunday evening, 20th December. Jan will check if each household welcomes this,

5. Lay Minister's Report (contd.)
There will also be carols in The Crown on Tuesday evening, 15th December.
The next "Moot" will be a Christingle Service, with the young people making the Christingles.
6. Correspondence.
By email: notice of a meeting, called by the Archdeacon, to be held at St. James' Church, Yarmouth on 10th December for all West Wight Cluster PCC members, in order to discuss the implications of clergy changes in the coming months.
7. Any other business:
 - Friends of Shorwell Church. This was discussed with reference to the recently formed Friends of Brighstone Church, with a paid membership, and the Friends of Brook and Mottistone, who give voluntary service to the church. Everyone liked the concept. Mary and Yvonne H. will contact Norma Bradley (Brighstone) to find out more.
 - Booking Revd Charlie Peer. With no specific topic for discussion, it was decided not to proceed with this.
 - Baptisms in church. Members agreed that, whenever possible, baptisms should be held as part of a normal church service so that the congregation can welcome the new member and meet the family. The first baptisms in the "Moot" are planned for next Palm Sunday when the Archdeacon will be present.
 - Church Profile. A new profile is needed as part of the process to fill the vacancy when Helen leaves. Steve circulated a list of points to incorporate in the new profile and asked members to let him have a written outline as soon as possible.

The meeting ended when some people had to leave while others stayed to continue the discussion.