

Minutes of St. Sampson's P.C.C. meeting Monday 24th. March 2014

Present R. Hyde-Bales (vice-chairman) K. Bell, C. Bowen, R. Crow, S. Danby, N. Dye, A. Grace, T. Garstone, T. Pulleyn, R. Saunders, M. Smith, J. Valpy
Apologies P.Cowler, P.Fray

The meeting opened with prayers and Bible readings.

1. The Minutes of the February meeting were approved and signed.

Matters arising.

Screen. Adina has been following this up but so far no further progress has been made. [Action A. Grace](#)

New Vicar. The new vicar, Rev. Phil Bradley will be inducted on Wednesday 30th. July at 7.30 p.m. in St Sampson's. All are invited to attend.

Church fabric. Lighting. We are awaiting estimates for this. [Action P. Fray.](#)

Rope replacement. The new rope is to be in place by 11 May – Jump for Justice. Paul is requested to contact Brian Danby on this matter. [Action P. Fray.](#)

Tree in churchyard. Adina has contacted Tina Jones at the Council offices about this. They need photographs and more details from a tree specialist before taking any action. [Action A. Grace.](#)

2. The Bishop of Bristol has asked that we share our stories about our Faith. We did this in groups of three.

3. Altar cherubs. A unanimous decision was made to reinstate the cherubs on top of the Martin Travers altar. Unfortunately they are in need of expert restoration. Adina will check if this will be covered by insurance. [Action A. Grace and G. Light.](#)

4. Teams. Potential team members are to be asked by members of the P.C.C. within the teams if they are interested in joining a team. Teams are to report to the P.C.C. regularly. Matt agreed to produce a brief MO for the teams. [Action M. Smith.](#)

5. Finance. A full report of the church finances was given by Clare. The balance up to 31 December 2013 was £23,223. Concerns were expressed at the significant fall in income from previous years – 2012: £ 32,421 and 2011: £ 60,944. It was agreed that in the near term only essential expenditure will take place. Clare is in the process of producing the balance as at 24 March. Clare and Tim will produce a detailed finance plan before the APCM. It was agreed that in future a current statement of account will be available at PCCs. [Action C. Bowen and T. Pulleyn, A Grace.](#)

6. Porch. The DAC need more detailed plans. These will cost £900. If these are satisfactory the plans need to go out to tender again. [Action N. Dye.](#)

7. Organ. The organ fund has £539.32. The director of music is applying for grants to raise funds as the organ is an historic instrument and if not looked after properly will be unplayable in 5 years time. The choir are giving a concert on July 5th, proceeds to the organ fund. The choir entered the Swindon Music Festival and came 2nd. in their class with 85 marks out of 100. Excellent results for a first attempt.

8. APCM. This is to take place on Sunday 27th. April at 11.30 a.m. in the Jenner Hall. All reports less one are now in and being collated. We need 2 new members for the P.C.C. and 2 members for the Deanery Synod. The relevant forms will be placed in the church. The report will be distributed by e-mail. 10 extra copies will be printed out for those who need them. The congregation are to be asked at this meeting if it is their wish that we proceed with the purchase of the porch. [Action All.](#)

9. Leadership teams. Welcomers (sidesmen) have been trained and there is to be a board in church with photographs. The Welcomers are to have a cheese and wine party on April 23rd. The next meeting is April 29th. Notices on the outside board are to be changed to show the new address and telephone number of the Parish office. [Action K. Bell and A.Grace](#)

10. S. Club. J. Valpy is now the only leader of "S" club at the moment. There will be more children than usual in church on the 4th. and 5th. Sundays in future. Jo is looking at this aspect. The children attending S Club are very enthusiastic and enjoy themselves enormously

11. Correspondence. None received.

12. A.O.B.

Church directory. Work in progress. [Action J. Valpy and K. Bell.](#)

Douglas Holt is retiring. A service is being held in Malmesbury Abbey on April 1st. Contributions to his retirement fund may be made.

Lesley Farrall, Diocesan secretary is also retiring. Anyone wishing to go to her retirement event please let S. Danby know. [Action. All](#)

S. Townsend, Director of music asked if Clare Roberts could be paid £75 for her help with the choir. This is not an added expense as this money would normally been paid to T. Eyles. The PCC agreed to this request.

The Jenner hall is available free of charge to the church for 30 sessions a year.

The meeting ended at 9.45p m with the Grace.

Next PCC meeting will be on Sunday 27th April after the APCM.

Future PCC Meetings. These are scheduled for 2 June, 28 July, 22 September, 17 November.

Minutes prepared by T Garstone, Sec. to P.C.C.