

Minutes of the Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul

Annual General Meeting

Held on Thursday April 29th 2010 at 7.30pm
At Blandford Parish Centre, Blandford, Dorset

Present: Tim Storey, Anita Oliver, Dan Roberts, Heidi Roberts, David Rake, Angela Hird, Heather Stringer, Sara Loch, Tony Coldwell, Rosy Coldwell, Pat Ellen, Clive Newlin, Stuart McAinsh, Gillian McAinsh, Norah Saynor, Geoff Peach, Elizabeth Dunn, Christopher Dunn, Janet Dominy, Peter Dominy, Jenny Pope, Sylvie Edwards, Jacqui Poynter, Jenny Marsh, Peter Marsh, Mary Henley, Mark Riley, Julian Barker, Norman Long, Caroline Telford, Bob Henley, Sue Barker, David Crompton, Judith Crompton, Muriel Read, Percy Towler, Christopher Coldwell

Apologies: Rodney Smith, Su Tomes, Nicolas Saynor, Jean Peach, Roger Brown, Eileen Brown, Claire Storey, Louise Moogan, Gail DelPinto, Chris Brown, Graham Poynter, Chris Tomes, Jennie Rake, David and Joy Wheaton

Rev. Tim Storey welcomed everyone to the meeting which he opened with prayer.

Meeting of Parishioners

- 1 Apologies** were noted.
- 2 Minutes** of the Meeting of Parishioners 2009 were accepted and signed as a true record.
Matters Arising - Building committee has been functioning during 2009.
- 3 Election of Church Wardens**
Pat Ellen has decided to stand down as church warden. Tim thanked her for all her work. Sara Loch and Gail DelPinto have been nominated as wardens. They were both duly elected.
Carolyn Telford, Heather Bignold, Rodney Smith, Ted Green, Stuart McAinsh and Pat Ellen all agreed to stand as Deputy Church Wardens. They were duly appointed and Tim thanked them for their work each week in church.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

- 1 Apologies** for absence are set out above.

2 **Minutes** of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2009 were accepted and signed as a true record.

3 **Church Business**

a) Church Accounts. Heather Stringer, our treasurer, explained that due to various circumstances our church income has dropped substantially. Tim told the meeting that letters are going out to all members of the congregation regarding the current financial situation

Peter Marsh asked about the Endowment Fund. Heather and Tim explained that this relates to the Parish Centre - a sum had been held in retention, and a sum lent by the PCC for start up costs. These are held in the Endowment Fund. Heather thanked Peter Marsh for examining the accounts. David Rake proposed that the accounts be accepted. Angela Hird seconded. Unanimous vote in favour. Tim thanked Heather, Rodney Smith and Di Jack for their work with the church finances.

b) Appointment of Independent Examiner. Peter Marsh was appointed as Independent Examiner.

c) Election of PCC Members. Louise Moogan and Angela Hird have stood down. Roger Brown, Gail DelPinto, Anita Oliver and David Rake have come to the end of their term. Five nominations have been received and Sue Barker, Gail DelPinto, Sara Loch and Mark Riley were elected onto PCC for three years, and Anita Oliver was elected for one year.

d) Election of Deanery Synod Members. Pat Ellen and Clive Newlin are still our representatives until 2011, and there is still one vacancy.

e) Appointment of Sidespersons/'Welcomers.' Tim explained how important this role is in the life of the church and thanked them all for their work.

9.00am service

Nick & Norah Saynor

Muriel Read

Pat Ellen

Ted & Thelma Green

Chris & Norman Long

Geoff & Jean Peach

Chris Goby

10.30am service

Fiona Mephram

Iris Pugh

Heather Bignold

Christopher & Elizabeth Dunn

David Rake

Sylvie Edwards
Rodney Smith
Sandra Aldridge
Graham Poynter
Paul Hooke
Emma Adlem
Su Tomes
Pat Ellen

f) Electoral Roll – membership stands at 119. Three people have left but have been replaced leaving the numbers static.

g) PCC Report – report attached.

h) Deanery Synod Report – report attached. Peter Dominy noted that the reference to Chris Dominey should read Stephen Dominy.

4 Any Other Business – there were no items of AOB.

5 Church Community Life (All reports included in booklet)

Tim explained the concept of ‘Messy Church’ as linking Rainbows with 2nd service of the month, which is hoped to run from September 2010.

Judith asked for adult helpers for a new initiative – kids@thecentre.

Pat Ellen expressed her appreciation for the help with prayers and readings from Thirst and Incredibles during services.

Tim explained that the PCC will be reviewing mission giving.

Elizabeth Dunn asked if answered prayer could be shared regularly. Tim agreed that this was a good idea.

Norah Saynor highlighted the urgent need for new members in the flower team.

6 Church Fabric and Care.

a) Buildings Report

Church Report. Tim explained that the PCC are actively looking into the removal of the cupola, which is intended to be part of a major church refurbishment project.

The finances have been put aside to pay for removal of cupola.

Parish Centre Report. Tim thanked the Hall Steering Group for all their hard work on the Parish Centre project.

b) Terrier and Inventory. Pat Ellen and Sara Loch have checked the inventory. The inventory will now be computerised making future checks easier.

7 Rector’s Report

Tim likened church life to caring for a garden, relating it to the story of Eden, and spoke about the ‘planting’ and ‘nurturing’ that has been happening in the church since the weekend away in 2009, with the need for “proactive” rather than “reactive” gardening. Part of this has been included in the fundraising efforts for the

Centre, and now that we have the Centre we can use it for outreach, with many events already planned. He thanked Gail DelPinto, Kevin Humphreys, Roger Brown, Judith Crompton, David Rake, Dave Griffiths, Heather Stringer and Bob Henley for their efforts as part of the Hall Steering Group.

Tim shared how the relationships he has developed in the town are bearing fruit, including being chaplain to the Mayor, being an Army Chaplain (Blandford Camp), and being part of Blandford Leadership Forum, which has been looking at future of late night shopping, Ken Reynold's work and the Leisure Centre.

Tim thanked Rosy Coldwell, Peter Dominy, David Wheaton, Jennie Rake, Osbert Tun Pe, and Mark Riley for their support and also Su Tomes, Louise Moogan and Di Jack for the valuable work they do in the office.

Tim explained that there was letter being sent to all members of the congregation regarding the church finances, and he urged everyone to consider their response carefully.

He then highlighted the priorities for 2010 –

- **Finance** – the need to get the finances right so that we can get on with working for the kingdom.
- **Prayer** – Anita Oliver has been appointed as prayer co-ordinator to encourage us to focus on prayer as a growing priority.
- **Vision** – Dan Roberts will be leading a Vision Group to ensure we are fulfilling our vision.
- **Buildings** – We will soon need to deal with the cupola and launch the appeal for the church building.
- **Staffing** – There is a desire to employ a youth worker but although the PCC have been looking at options, we are currently not in a position to go further due to finances.

Tim explained that the Parish Centre will be the vehicle for the outworking of the Vision and will be at the heart of all we do, and it is important that it is used for growing the kingdom.

Peter Dominy thanked Tim all his hard work in the life of the church.

Tim closed the meeting in prayer at 9.00pm