

Minutes of Meeting of PCC of Mirfield Team Parish

Monday 7th April 08, 7:30 pm at St Paul's

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1. Present

Revd Canon Peter Craig-Wild (Chair), Revd Gill Johnson, Revd Wendy Dalrymple, Michael Hampshire, Christine Breare, Katharine Crossley, Valerie Warner, David Brooke, Barbara Keivers, Anne Heeley, Jacqueline Turner, Carole Sykes, Barry Hambling, Mark Pollard, Susan Auckland, Scott Senogles, Rachel Copley,

2. Apologies

Revd Helen Butler, Revd Ann Pollard, Jim Law, Owen Ryder, Carol Wilkinson, Susan Pope, Mike Jenkins, Susan Young, Jane Jaggard

3. Minutes

Scott proposed and Barry seconded a motion to approve the minutes. This was carried with no votes against.

4. Matters Arising -none

5. Reports from the three Churches

A verbal report was given of the activities of each of the three churches by Chris B, Kath, and Gill.

6. Organ Refurbishment at St Mary's

The blower motor has been replaced and necessary electrical work undertaken. A notice of Certification of the electrical work in the cellar was passed to FAB for notification and filing under its remit for Health and Safety. To prevent further deterioration of the organ it was necessary to reconnect the water supply to the humidifier. Carole proposed and Mark seconded a resolution to “**spend £350 on the provision of a water supply to the organ**”. This was carried with no votes against. Note the actual cost of the water supply was £400.

7. Disabled Ramp at St John's

To bring St John's to a standard to meet the regulations on disabled access, it is necessary to build a concrete ramp to the lych gate to eliminate a 14cm step. A verbal quote for £800 has been obtained for the work. The Friends would most likely pay half the costs and this leaves a further £400 to do the work. This item is to be referred to FAB for a decision. – **action Secretary**

8. Treasurer's Report

Given the difficult requirement to bring together three sets of incomplete records, the Treasurer reported that he had not completed the year end accounts and hoped to have them by 16 April. They would not be audited and this would have to take place after the APCM. The Auditor, Tony Heslewood of Firth Parish had retired early and it would be necessary to approve Firth Parish as auditor. The accounts would need to be approved by the PCC prior to the APCM and it was suggested that after the service on the 20th April, three separate PCC meetings would be held in each church to approve the accounts and the change of Auditor. The results of these meetings are to be emailed to the Secretary for minuting. - **Action Clergy/Wardens/Secretary**

9. Wraparound

David noted that the £4K from the Bishop's Fund has been received. Rachel reported that The Local Authority has been approached for a grant before their deadline of 21 March. Local Suppliers of “Service to Children” are allowed to object. The Governors of both Lower Hopton and Crowlees schools have reacted positively to presentations. If Lower Hopton does not fill the capacity of the first stage development, then Crowlees would take any surplus.

10. Formation of “Churches Together in Mirfield” -

The new body will be launched formally on 8th May at the Salvation Army.

11. Matrix Youth Project

Operating out of St Paul's, Wendy reported that she had been doing some outreach work with local youths with the help of a few volunteers with some encouraging results. However, she needs more help to continue this work. To pump-prime the cost of employing a Youth Worker, Mirfield Educational Trust have promised an initial injection of funds of £10K to get the project underway; more funds could be made available. The Methodist Circuit has pledged £3K and it was suggested that MTP should match this pledge. It was further suggested that

the congregations may support this project by covenanted giving. A proposal was made by the Chair, seconded by Sue A, “**that the Mirfield Team Parish supports the Matrix project with funding of £3K in 2008**”. This was carried with no votes against.

12. Signage

Scott reported that artwork for a logo, letterheads and notices would be ready for discussion by the Development Team at its meeting on 14th April. Proposals would be brought to the next PCC.

13. Overview and Development of Overseas Links–Gill (Introduction & Summary)

It was noted at the Standing Committee, that the Parish activity in Overseas links, with especial interest in helping children, was particularly strong with its links to “HIV Life Ministries India” (Justus Soloman’s Charity), “World Vision”, “USPG”, “CMS” and Mara link. These activities should be publicized, starting with presentations to the PCC. Gill pointed out that 2009 was the “Year of the Child” and in her capacity as Diocesan Curriculum Development Officer she had access to many schools and was likely to go to Mara in August 2009. This item would be referred to the Development Team for discussion. The following presentations were made:-

13.1. HIV Life Ministries India” (Justus Soloman’s Charity), - Peter

The link with Justus Soloman started in 1998 when he was hosted by St Mary’s during his visit to the UK and has continued. He obtained support from three UK churches, one of which was St Mary’s. At a later date, St Paul’s sent him support and also several individuals from the congregations sent money directly to help fund his work running a children’s hospice in India through the charity, “HIV Life Ministries India”. This year the parish sent £1.5K, which may not seem much but this amount funds significant work when exchanged into local currency.

13.2. World Vision – Rachel

This involvement started in 2003 and has continued. World Vision creates networks and initiatives with a view to alleviating child poverty in underdeveloped countries and fighting for justice for the marginalised. Various initiatives are supported currently; The congregation sponsors 5 children either individually or in groups; an alternative gift catalogue is supported including an alternative Christmas Card which generally raises £100 to £200 and has been operating for 4 years; £100 was raised from a prayer guide; and £500 was sent to support a safe house for children in Burma. It was hoped that the MTP would continue and expand this support.

13.3. Link with Parish of Ngo’pe, Diocese of Mara, South Africa - Carole

The Wakefield Diocesan link with Mara started 20 years ago from an initiative by Bill Jones, who has compiled a booklet. The Diocese has set up several visits including a Cathedral service, July 13th at 4pm by Bishop Hilkhiah. Bishop Stephen will visit in October with a return visit in November by Canon Arthur Mauya and Grace Enock. After some effort, a positive link has been set up in February 2008 with the parish of Ngo’pe in the Diocese of Mara. The Vicar, Jeremiah Cyrus, is currently in Kowak Christian Training Centre and the parish is being looked after by three Evangelists. A profile of Ngo’pe was tabled. There are 80 Christians, of whom 50 attend church. A profile has been sent of St John’s, but this needs now to be replaced with an MTP profile. Mara could benefit in many ways, inter alia, old mobile phones, school materials and furniture, building materials, training for Clergy, farm and clean water projects. There is much scope for continued support.

14. Electoral Roll Changes

The following changes to the Roll were noted and approved Gertrude Wilcock, Mrs. Kathleen Lee and Mr David Sykes (all deceased) and Mr. Francis Whiting, were removed. New additions were; Tim Barton; James Breeze; Lucy Gardiner; Lynsey Godden; Charles Edward Kilner; Linda Rose Kilner; Melissa Kirby; Stephanie Lloyd; Margaret Diana Richardson; Ann Shaw; Anthony Sowden; Antoinette Taylor; Margaret Ann Topping; Craig Whitehead; Sarah Jane Whitely. After removing 5 duplicate entries from individual church Rolls, this increased the combined Roll from 321 in Mar 2007 to 332 on 8th April 2008. The list of Roll members entitled to vote at the APCM was displayed in each Church and these additions would be displayed from the 9th April.

15. Dates of APCM

The APCM was fixed for Wednesday 23rd April 2008 at 7:00 pm in St Mary’s Church. Notices announcing the APCM and Agenda would be displayed in all three churches on Sunday 13 April. The next PCC meeting would be announced at the APCM.