

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Combined PCCs of St Matthew's Harwell and  
All Saints' Chilton held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 7.45 pm  
in St Matthew's Church, Harwell**

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**Present****Harwell**

Sid Gale	Mel Gibson (Secretary)	Gordon Gill
Georgina Greer	Clive House (Treasurer)	Tony Hughes
Allan Macarthur	Vicky Macarthur	Tim Roberts
Roz Shipp	Chris Stott (Chair)	Steve Tunstall
Jane Woolley		

**Chilton**

John Berry	Naomi Gibson	Stuart Gibson
Andrew Hayes	Liz Morris	Carol Pigott
John Pigott	Ruth Poole	Pam Rolls
Avril Butler (Secretary)		

**1. Prayer**

Chris opened the meeting by reading from 1 Corinthians Ch 1 starting at verse 4. Paul thinks of all the positive things for which to thank God. Chris then led the meeting in prayer.

**2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Vicky Luker, Martin Fell, Bruce Keeble, Hazel King, Jeff Nesbitt, Frances Taylor, Alex Reich, Matt Webb.

**3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009 meeting were accepted and signed.

**4. Matters Arising****(a) Congregational and Community Questionnaires**

Pam and Naomi presented the results of the Congregational and Community Questionnaires. The results had already been presented to the Ministry Leadership Team and refined in the light of their comments. Pam began by thanking all those who had delivered the questionnaires. After some discussion it was agreed that the results would be communicated as follows:

A summary of the results of the Congregational and Community surveys to be made available at the back of both churches and in the Office".

The Community Questionnaire results to feature in the March edition of the Ridgeway Broadsheet.

The Congregational Questionnaire results to be reported at both the Harwell and Chilton Annual General Meeting.

The results of both questionnaires to be emailed to all PCC members.

Chris concluded by saying that both PCCs and the Ministry Leadership Team would look at the results in more detail and see if any of the ideas suggested needed to be taken forward.

## **5. Proposal for New Service**

Allan spoke to his paper, "Proposal for a New Monthly Service", copies of which had been previously circulated. In summary the main points of Allan's paper are:

Several members of both St Matthews Harwell and All Saints' Chilton would like to have a service with a more informal and contemporary style of worship. It is important that their needs are met.

The church needs to look forward and provide the right environment for all generations to come to faith and grow and develop.

The new service must be embedded as part of the core service calendar. If it is to grow and flourish it must be regular and at a time and place when people can attend.

The proposal is that one of the current evening services in Harwell is replaced by a new contemporary service but at a slightly earlier time.

The proposal has already been approved by the Ministry Leadership Team who were unanimous that the proposal should be put before the PCC and Allan was looking for approval from the Harwell PCC for the idea in principle.

The following points were made in the discussion which followed:

A similar service had been tried at East Hendred with great success.

It will attract a younger age group which are missing at present from the church.

It is important that the church community is made aware of the idea before further planning takes place and the proposal should be discussed at the Harwell Annual General Meeting.

The proposal should be presented at a morning and evening service as it will reach more people than at the Annual General Meeting.

No decision was taken at this meeting as, although it was of interest to All Saints' PCC members, the decision was for Harwell PCC members.

## **6. Looking to the Future**

Chris began by thanking Roz for co-ordinating the Bring and Share lunch at which Canon John Alderman CPAS Patronage Secretary had explained the process of selecting a new minister. Chris explained briefly for the benefit of those who had been unable to attend the lunch what Canon Alderman had said. Chris said that he was not in a position yet to give a firm date as to when he would retire and he asked the PCC to continue to pray for him as he came to this decision.

**7.Future Dates**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 7.45pm Ash Wednesday Service in All Saints' Chilton.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March British Summer Time begins.

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April Chilton AGM

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April Harwell AGM

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 6.15pm Confirmation in Harwell with Bishop Stephen Cottrell.

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July Pam Rolls ordination

August Summer Holiday Club – A Rocky Place based on the life of the apostle Peter. Exact dates in August still to be confirmed.

**8.Any Other Business**

There is an error in the February Ridgeway Broadsheet as it had had been printed before the Ministry Leadership Team had decided that rather than studying the five components of the Oxford Diocese's Living Faith Vision during Lent, as stated in the Broadsheet, the Home Groups would decide individually what they would study.

The next **Combined PCC meeting** will be on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2010** at 7.45pm in All Saints' Church, Chilton, followed by **individual PCC meetings** which will start at 9:00pm in the same venue.

.....Chairman