

ST MATTHEW'S HARWELL

Minutes of a meeting of Harwell PCC held on Tuesday, March 13th 2001 at
7.45pm in St Matthew's Church Hall.

Present: Rev C Stott (Chairman) F Taylor
 Rev M Carney M Thomas
 E Gill R Thomas
 T Hughes J Twigger
 A MacArthur T Ullmer
 N Ponting A Walker
 C Silver R Slatter

1. The Rector opened the meeting with a reading from Jeremiah 18, followed by prayer.
2. **Apologies:** were received from J Sinclair, W Sinclair & C House.
3. **The Minutes of the last meeting** were approved.
4. **Matters arising from Minutes:**
 - 4(i) **Photocopier** - after discussion it was agreed that Stuart Gibson should be asked to make further recommendations after Chilton PCC meet.
 - 4(ii) **Altar frontal** - as Wendy Sinclair was away it was decided that she together with Mary Carney and Jean Twigger would consult with Sue-Ellen Heally before any decisions are made.
 - 4(iii) **Font** - A portable font has been approved and we are awaiting confirmation from the DAC that we can go ahead.
 - 4(iv) **Pastoral Care** - Mary Carney reported that this course is well presented by Yvonne Davies and had a total of 30 attendees.
- 5 **Financial Report** - The Audited Accounts were circulated and approved.

Proposed: A Walker Seconded: T Ullmer

T Ullmer presented the budget for missionary giving in 2001.

<u>Home:</u> CPAS £400	Gideons £300
Scripture Union £300	Shaftesbury Society £100
Decade Ministries £100	Church Army £100
Soundnation £100	Bible Society £30

Overseas: Church Missionary Society £1600
 Actions Partners (Christine Perkins) £700
 Dugdale Trust £1600
 WEC International (D& E Meader) £1600
 Missionary Aviation Fellowship £200
 S Thomas £100

Making a total of £7,500.

Proposed: C Silver Seconded: J Twigger

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Mary Carney enquired about the possibility of having an 'emergency fund' for such times when there is a need to respond quickly to disasters such as earthquakes etc. Tony Ullmer reported that we do already help by our contributions ~~through the Missionary Giving~~. Marilyn Thomas suggested that we might have a retiring collection in Church when such events happen and maybe top this donation up from the church if finances are available. This was agreed.

Norman Ponting pointed out that the minimum wage is to be increased later this year. It was agreed that the lady who cleans the Church Hall should have her wage increased as from July 2001.

A donation of £500 has been received towards the Heating and Lighting scheme or to be used at the discretion of the PCC. We are very grateful for this generous gift.

6. **Building Report** - Tony Hughes reported that the treatment for woodworm on the wooden back plate of the organ had been completed and that there was no sign of further infestation.

now May for insurance
Three members of the DAC paid a visit to discuss possible options for the seating of disabled visitors to our church. Proposals are to be brought to the PCC in July for further discussion.

Further to this Philip Waddy our Architect visited to discuss the options for improving the Toilet/Kitchen area and the West End to make it more accessible/user friendly. The Architect generally approved of what we are trying to achieve in the West End and is to produce outline ideas within a budget of £500. A decision was made that these two projects should be treated individually.

7. **Preparation for AGM (Tuesday 27th March)**

- a) Draft Annual Report - to be given by The Rector was approved.
Proposed: N Ponting, Seconded: F Taylor
- b) Churchwardens Fabric Report - to be given by **Allan MacArthur** was approved. Proposed: A Walker, Seconded: T Hughes
- c) Independent Examiner - Alison Manning
- d) Deanery Synod Report - This is to be given in writing by **C Silver**, as he is unable to attend the AGM. (One more synod member is needed)
- e) Groups' Reports - Missions, Church Cleaners, and Visiting Team.
- f) Voting Procedures - Before counting can begin the voting forms must be signed on the reverse side and checked for membership against the electoral roll.

A discussion followed on whether members should stand for PCC annually or for a 3 or 4 year term. It was agreed that a team of three PCC members' would bring proposals back to PCC in **September**. This team to be **J Twigger, T Hughes and T Ullmer**.

21 May mtg -

8. **Progress of Alpha Course** - a total of 9 leaders from both Harwell and Chilton were helping to run this course. A total of 25 people were attending on Wednesday evenings and volunteers were helping with meals and coffee on a rota basis. Allan MacArthur reported that he was very encouraged after one week of the course, and reported that the BBC is to run an Alpha course on television sometime in May. Please continue to pray for all involved with this course.

9. **Deanery Synod Report** - Clive Silver reported that the Pastoral Plan had been accepted by the Deanery Synod, which included the loss of the Chilton post despite representations being made.

The Deanery Synod is looking at the rules for the remarriage of people, after Divorce, in Church. Andrew Goddard led these discussions at the last Synod meeting. A decision has to go before the Diocesan Synod for discussion in July. A motion has then to be put forward to Westminster re the Principle and Criteria for remarriage in Church. It is envisaged that this will be discussed at our July PCC meeting.

10. **Donation to Girls' Brigade for Alice Carey's contribution** - it was agreed that a sum of £200 be paid to Girls' Brigade Headquarters to help with the expense of Alice Carey's work in our parish during her "time out" year.

11. **Any other business** -

a) **Sharing Life Initiative** - a combined PCC meeting has been called for May 1st at 7.45 in Chilton Church. Each Group Chairman will be asked to make a presentation on this evening. **Rob Thomas to invite** Chairmen and committee members to attend this meeting.

b) **Church Amplifier** - This is causing a few problems on occasions. Enquiries were made from George Henry to supply a new one and this would cost £522 + VAT. PCC agreed that **Allan MacArthur** would discuss this problem with Jim Sinclair upon his return from Australia before any further action was taken.

12. The meeting closed with prayer at 9.56 pm.

The AGM will be held on March 27th at 7.45pm.

The Date for the next meeting is May 8th.

Signed

Date