

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Combined PCCs of St Matthew's Harwell and All Saints' Chilton**

held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 7:45 pm in St Matthew's Church, Harwell

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### **Present**

Jonathan Mobey (Chairman)

#### **Harwell**

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| Kate Evans     | Sarah Milrose     | Jane Woolley           |
| Sid Gale       | Elizabeth Roberts | Mel Gibson (Secretary) |
| Gordon Gill    | Allan Macarthur   | Tim Roberts            |
| Georgina Greer | Roz Shipp         |                        |
| Tony Hughes    | Jonathan Wood     |                        |

#### **Chilton**

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| Pam Rolls    | Stuart Gibson | Carol Pigott |
| Avril Butler | Andrew Hayes  | Ruth Poole   |
| Naomi Gibson |               | Alex Reich   |

### **1. Prayer**

The Rector, Jonathan Mobey opened the meeting with reflections on the Scriptures". He read from 1 Peter 2 (verses 9 to 12) The Living Stone and the Holy Nation. Jonathan Mobey read the passage through three times with a break for prayer.

### **2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Scott Cockburn, Nicholas Milrose, John Pigott, Hazel King, John Berry and Liz Morris (would be late)

### **3. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting of the combined PCCs on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011 were accepted as a true record and signed.

### **4. Matters arising from the minutes**

- (a) New System of subcommittees. We have the Joint PCC in post consisting of the Rector, Church wardens, Treasurers, Pam Rolls, John Berry. Georgina Greer and Sid Gale. Other subcommittees will be looked at in the future.
- (b) Web- based infrastructure (Church Insight). This item was discussed at length and Jonathan Mobey showed the PCC members the up to date version of the website on his laptop.

The Church Insight sub- committee that had been formed to look into the use of the website by Harwell and Chilton churches, had been able obtain a 30 day risk free trial and members of the PCC could look at the website, get access to different areas and look at the content and the management engines. The committee recommended that we should adopt the website.

There then followed discussions during which the following points/suggestions were made:

- The new website was easy to use.
- There was very little time for people to get used to the website before the 30 day trial was over. More time was needed to familiarise and we should pay for another month's trial.
- We should commit to use the website, if it does not replace e-mail then it is not satisfactory. We should not generate paper unless people are not on the internet.
- If we do not adopt the website then what are the alternatives? Pull the plug; carry on using the existing website; have a further agreed period ; go for it. Jonathan Mobey suggested that we should use the website for a period of at least 6 months.
- Training would be required and one suggestion was that we use Harwell School computers.
- The committee should organise the training.

The PCC decided to adopt The Church Insight website for one year and then to have a review.

## **5. Lankelly Chase**

Lankelly Chase is owned by a Charitable Trust and is situated behind Cherry Tree Barn.

The Trust wants to let out the property and the only costs would be electricity and heating. Discussions took place on the following:

- The property is on the High Street and therefore on a bus route.
- It is not furnished and therefore furniture etc. would have to be acquired.
- It could be used for various activities/groups including 1) Homework Club: 2) Drop off- silver services: 3) Alpha Courses: 4) Fledgelings. If we use the property it would free-up the church hall for other uses.
- How long would the agreement be for? If short term, may not be worth moving.
- It was decided to meet the Trustees and keep the discussions open. He will report back at the next meeting. There was a meeting with one of the staff from Lankelly Chase planned for the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

## **6. Photocopier**

Stuart Gibson explained to the PCC that the existing photocopier was black and white and it was difficult to get it repaired as spares were no longer available. Our existing rental agreement runs out in February 2012. The rental company had recommended that we

purchase a colour printer and a new one would cost £13500, but they had a refurbished printer for £2500 + VAT.

They were prepared to demonstrate the refurbished model on site . The advantages of the colour photocopier were that: a) we could print the Broadsheet ourselves saving £70/ month: b) we could print colour brochures on site instead of sending them away. A letter had been put in the Church Newsletter asking for donations towards the cost of the photocopier and so far we had received half the cost. It was agreed by the PCC that we would purchase the refurbished photocopier at the end of February and any outstanding costs would be born by the PCCs.

## **6. Alpha Course**

The launch party had taken place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2012 and there were 8 guests. 4 more Group Leaders had volunteered to help and there was a talk with a DVD explaining Alpha. There was a meal before the start of the evening and it was hoped that there would be a total of 9 people at the next meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

## **7. Deanery Questionnaire**

Gordon Gill introduced the Deanery Questionnaire that we had received from the Deanery. The population of the Deanery is set to increase significantly over the next few years and each of the churches in the Wallingford Deanery will be responding to new possibilities, but there are things that we can do in the Deanery. The sheets supplied by the Deanery asked us to think about ways we might helpfully collaborate and pool parish resources as we move forward together in faith and hope and work together to reveal Christ to our communities.

The PCC had been asked to consider two questions and the responses were required by our Deanery Mission & Pastoral Committee Representative at the end of March.

The questions were:

(1) Has your Church been involved in a successful mission idea, for instance an after school club, old people's lunch group etc? Can you share your expertise?

Ideas from the PCC were: YF; Annual holiday club; Fledgelings: Activity morning: Light party: Christian activity day: Men's Society; Evergreen's; Ladies Group; Wives Group.

(2) Does your church (or someone in it) have a vision for a certain area of mission or ministry which could become a reality with some shared resources and expertise from the Deanery?

Ideas from the PCC were: Alpha Course; Messy Church; YF.

## **8. Any other business**

There was no other business.

## **9. Close**

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

## **10. Next Meeting**

The next Combined PCC Meeting will be held in July ( date to be arranged)

