

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

**held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 7:45 pm in St Matthew's Church, Harwell**

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### **Present**

Jonathan Mobey (Chairman)

#### **Harwell**

Sid Gale	Roz Shipp
Gordon Gill	Jane Woolley
Georgina Greer	Mel Gibson (Secretary)
Tony Hughes	
Elizabeth Roberts	

#### **Chilton**

Pam Rolls	Stuart Gibson	Carol Pigott
Avril Butler	Hazel King	Ruth Poole
Naomi Gibson	John Pigott	Liz Morris

### **1. Reflections**

The Rector, Jonathan Mobey opened the meeting with reference to reflections. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting would be coming soon; a time of looking back and looking forward of both beginnings and endings, Alpha and Omega. There is an overlap of ages within the church. There then followed a prayer.

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

Apologies were received from Scott Cockburn, Nicholas Milrose, Sarah Milrose, Allan Macarthur, Kate Evans, Jonathan Wood, John Berry, Alex Reich, Andrew Hayes.

### **3. Website**

The new website was now live and contained rotas and a diary transferred over from Google. The launch of the new website would be this coming Sunday and Liz Roberts had drafted a leaflet. The New Website Committee would be meeting on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March before the launch to get everything ready. There was training to plan, computers would be required for IT training and it may be possible to let people practice accessing the website before the APCMs on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> April, although Broadband would be required.

#### **4. Lankelly Chase**

There has been another expression of interest in using the building and therefore there has been no outcome yet. Therefore there was nothing more to report. If we are accepted as the chosen user we will be allowed to use Lankelly Chase on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday between 9.00am and 5.00pm. It would be a 2 month rolling contract and the cost would be £8.00/ day for heating and no charge for storage. There would be no key issued with the contract and the building would be opened up for us.

#### **5. JPCC Subcommittees**

This item will be left until after the APCMs when the new PCCs will have been appointed.

#### **6. Photocopier**

The new photocopier will be delivered this week, either Wednesday or Thursday. It was planned to set it up for trials in the vestry, but because of security it will be set up in the office. There will be a 2 weeks cooling off period, but it has been paid for at £3300. The donations received so far are about half the cost. Carolyn will evaluate the photocopier and it will be used as much as possible over the next 2 weeks including colour printing. Stuart Gibson and the committee will monitor the photocopier over the next 2 weeks and Jonathan Mobey proposed a vote of thanks for all the work that Stuart Gibson and the committee had done.

#### **7. Giving/Stewardship**

There was a problem balancing the books this financial year and one strategy would be to increase legacies and standing orders. It was proposed to pool the expertise between the 2 churches and have a new group to look at it. The diocese were holding a number of Legacy Presentations during March and April run by Robin Brunner Ellis, the Christian Giving and Funding Advisor and Alison Knight, Christian Aid's Regional Legacy Officer. Jonathan Mobey said that we should send somebody to one of the meetings, but Naomi Gibson said that there would be local presentations and we should wait for these to save a lot of travelling.

#### **8. Sermon Series June to August**

There has been a meeting of the Preaching Team who preach and it has been decided to follow Genesis in the morning services and Galatians in the evening service from Easter to Trinity Sunday ( 13 weeks). It was proposed to make supporting material available to House Groups. Genesis will cover Creation and Evolution and an idea from Jonathan Mobey was to get a speaker from Oxford to talk on the Universe and The Big Bang. Ruth Poole thought that it would be a good idea to include children as they learn about the Universe at school. Tony Hughes said that he had a DVD about Genesis which people could borrow if they wished.

#### **9. Harwell Feast**

There was a discussion about holding a "Songs of Praise" at the Harwell Feast on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2012. We would require a marquee and during the Feast it would be used for the Craft Exhibition. Would we want the "Songs of Praise" the night before the Feast; during the feast or in the evening? The Scouts were holding a Barn Dance on the evening before the Feast ( 25<sup>th</sup> May) It was decided that we would not hold a "Songs of Praise" this year at the Harwell Feast because of the practical difficulties. Chilton said that they may be able to hold a "Songs of Praise" at their Jubilee Weekend on the following weekend. It was a good idea to hold a "Songs of Praise" as it brought people into the praise environment and promoted outreach.

The Jubilee weekend was also discussed: Harwell have not got any plans to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, which is on the next weekend following the Harwell Feast. Chilton are celebrating and Liz Morris gave a preview of what had been arranged so far. There would

