

## Minutes of the Meeting of the All Saints Church Bishop Burton on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Present: Ruth Newton(Associate Priest), David Oxtoby(Churchwarden),Trevor Thomas, Sue Thomas, Muriel Wray, Ann Cherry, Judy McDonald, Nigel Penton(Treasurer), Jenny Macrae(Secretary)

Apologies: none

The meeting opened with a reading and prayer by Ruth remembering the people of Manchester after the terrorist bomb.

1. Accept minutes of PCC meeting , Thursday 20.03.17 and matters arising: Nigel asked for minor changes to the finances and fabric sections. These were agreed and the minutes approved.

Trevor had not attended a Deanery Synod meeting yet but there is one on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm at Rowley when there will be Holy Communion with the new Arch-Deacon, Richard Parkinson.

Publishing the PCC meeting minutes was again reviewed as Mr John Dunning would like draft copies. Following a discussion the PCC wishes to keep to not publishing minutes until they have been approved.

2. Kitchen/WC Project: Following the meeting with the DAC, they will not approve the WC in the tower but will approve it positioned near the main door. Ruth voiced her opinion of opening up the planning to wider considerations such as heating as it is cold in winter. She suggested a glass partition at the start of the chancel so the chancel could be used for services. Pews could be taken out and replaced by chairs and supplementary heating made available. Sue was not in favour of splitting up the church. Muriel thought the cost of glass would be expensive. Nigel said there is to be a meeting with the Arch-Deacon, Mr Phil Thomas(DAC) and Catherine Copp(DAC secretary) so he will discuss options with them on lighting, toilet, heating, acoustics, pews. Moving out 2 pews from the back of the church has been considered. It was suggested taking out some of the oak pews at the back,temporarily and store them to see if they are missed. David suggested moving the children's corner to the opposite side of the church, put the toilet in the space and remove the pews so the kitchen could be along that side. If the kitchen remains where it is at present heating would need consideration as it is very damp and also a source of water is needed outside to save the tower being open. By using our architect we should get a possible scheme and see plans that could be proposed. Ruth said a list needs to be made of all the people who should be at the meeting and try for the meeting in mid-June.
3. AOB: New Incumbent: Trevor asked if progress had been made about appointing a new vicar. Interviews are to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> June with one rep from each church along with the other panellists. There will be a Churchwardens meeting to decide the questions for the interviews. The candidates will be brought round all four churches in the benefice in the morning of the interviews. Hopefully the chosen person will take up the position in October after giving three months notice.

August Services: During August there will not be services at all churches each week. This allows the clergy, and readers to have a rest and holiday. There will be a priest for communion in one church in the benefice on each Sunday , but no 8am services. It will be for the new vicar to decide the service patterns when they take up the post.

Wedding in August: Banns need a legal dispensation if they are read in a different church to where the wedding is to be held. Ruth will let the couple know where the banns will be read for the three consecutive Sundays. The application for this to take place states:

This PCC supports an application being made by the Arch-Deacon, Richard Parkinson, to the Archbishop of York for a direction to be made by the Archbishop under the relevant provision of the Marriage Act 1949 and the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 to permit banns of marriage of person(s) resident in the parish of Walkington, Bishop Burton, Rowley and Skidby or whose name(s) are on the electoral roll or has/have a qualifying connection with the parish, to be called in any one of the parish churches situated in the area of the Benefice of Walkington, Bishop Burton, Rowley and Skidby.

The PCC supports the resolution.

There are four baptisms soon to take place.

Swearing in of Churchwardens: David Oxtoby and Trevor Thomas will be sworn in at the service this coming Sunday.

Freewill Giving: There has been a slight drop in funds so we need to consider our donation for the next Year. Ruth suggested we meet after the service on 11<sup>th</sup> June to make a decision.

Cheque Signatories: It was proposed that Trevor becomes a signatory now he is to be a churchwarden. It was agreed by the PCC.

Pastoral Issues: Ruth asked if there was any new person in the parish who needs to be visited but no-one knew of anyone.

Songs of Praise at Rowley: St Peter's Church, Rowley are having a Songs of Praise service, 7-9<sup>th</sup> July at 4.30pm, with the theme Memories. Please would All Saints choose a hymn (or 2 incase it clashed).

Car Park: Some cutting back needs doing as parking spaces are being limited by shrubs/hedging. Trevor said he would ask Leonard to help him trim them back.

Churchyard Maintenance: Ruth has noticed the drive up to the church is breaking up, but with the possibility of lorries driving up when the kitchen/WC project is approved perhaps it would be better to wait. The lamp post is in need of repainting and the Lynch Gate needs repairing. A date needs to be put in the magazine to help clean the churchyard.

Other Projects: With the delay in the Kitchen/WC project the Friends could focus on a new project for the Church. Cushions for the pews were suggested. Long ones cost c£100 and shorter ones c£70 each. Since the piano doesn't get used it was suggested a keyboard may be a better option but leave for further discussion.

The meeting closed at 20.45.