

## All Saints Church

### Bishop Burton

Minutes of the PCC meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009.

Apologies were received from David and Amanda Danforth, Sue Pickering and David Beynon.

Present: David Oxtoby, Madge Maplesden, Rene Stickney, Ann Cherry, Joan Pillmoor, Trevor and Sue Thomas, Hilary Swann and the Rev'd Martyn Westby.

Martyn opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting which were circulated beforehand were signed as a true and correct record.

Matters Arising

Organ - This was done in the summer.

Gutters - David Oxtoby to see Gilbert Lythe re these and the chancel roof.

Heating - This is okay but two or three more people need to know how to work it.

Planning

Carol Service - 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 7.00 pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Crib Service at Cherry Burton – Christmas Eve at 5.00pm, Cherry Burton School drive, weather permitting.

Christmas Eve – 11.30pm Midnight Communion with the Archdeacon.

December 27<sup>th</sup> – No service in Church

January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Evensong with David Jefferson.

North Aisle Roof Repairs

Thanks were expressed to Trevor Thomas for all his work regarding this. All the work has been done within budget.

Fabric General

A quote has been received for decorating the Church. Possibly to do this next summer. Other quotes to be got January/February time.

Candlestick – Nothing has been done, nobody is happy to undertake this. David Oxtoby to have a word with Mike Guest, and Martyn will have a word with the Archdeacon, someone at York may know, Phil Thomas is Diocesan properties manager.

Pew in vestry – Can it be sold? Sue Thomas is to enquire re selling this.

Churchyard – Needs a good clean up, shrubs removed and tidied up, possibility in the Spring.

The light at the top of the Lychgate is still not working. A new bulb is needed then it needs re-setting.

It was suggested we purchase a sound system, needs looking at. Cherry Burton had one put in by a firm in Ferriby, which was a good job. Martyn to put us in touch with someone. Trevor and Martyn to liaise.

Finance

David Danforth had sent a report which was read out by Hilary Swann in David's absence.

A.O.B.

We talked about setting up a Friends of the Church. This is to be put into the newsletter to see if anyone is interested in doing this.

Pearman Bequest: This was given to Tony Waddingham.

Organ: A report on the state of the organ was given by Hilary Swann in David Beynon's absence. David to ask for a quote.

Fundraising: Various suggestions were made; Flower Festival, Quintessential Concert, Open Gardens, Christmas Farmers Market, Christmas Tree Event.

Trevor Thomas proposed a big vote of thanks to Hilary Swann for all her work with the services and to Graham Richardson for ringing the bells.

Deanery Issues: This was given by Martyn. Angela is to be licensed in January to Skidby/Rowley and Walkington, which means hopefully it should be happening here soon too.

There is supposed to be a reduction of clergy down to 5 within 5 years and 3 of these will be in Beverley, which leaves only 2 for the rest of the East Riding. This is to cover all the villages unless the Beverley Churches are willing to take on the villages. The Minster and St. Nicholas are looking at this but not St. Marys.

Martyn is giving up Chaplain to the College after Christmas, and is taking on Molescroft leadership for teams, so there should be 2 days extra for us. We will then be Cherry Burton/Bishop Burton and Molescroft. He will not exactly be the Vicar for Molescroft, just a leader for the team.

Hopefully in the New Year the teams will get together to sort out all the services, ie how far to go with the Methodists and what services do we want. This is to be done possibly February time, have a fun night in Church, coffee, mulled wine etc and throw some ideas about, make it an opening evening. Possible date February 19<sup>th</sup> in Church at 7.30pm.

Mrs Pillmoor was thanked for her hospitality and the meeting closed with a prayer.