

## **St Edward the Confessor, Barnsley**

### **Minutes of PCC Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2010.**

#### **Opening Prayers**

**Present:** M Poskitt, G Fletcher, H Fletcher, L Mace, J Moss, L Taylor-Kent, J Gostelow, F Thompson, E Carr, M Gostelow.

1) **Apologies for absence:** R Burton.

2) **Minutes of meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May** were agreed.

#### **3) Matters arising from the minutes:**

(i) Sarah Arthur will be returning to work at Heritage Inspired during the summer and will be invited to attend a PCC meeting in due course.

(ii) The Diocesan Commission held consultation meetings with clergy and parish representatives on 25<sup>th</sup> May regarding changing diocesan boundaries. No decisions have been made yet or are likely to be made soon.

(iii) M Poskitt and G & H Fletcher will deliver any donations to the Barnsley Churches Drugs Project during the next fortnight.

(iv) The vicarage has now been let. M Poskitt will ask the tenants to put any post for us in the vestry letterbox. F Thompson agreed to buy a letterbox from B&Q to put on the church gate for use when the gates are locked.

(v) F Thompson attended the diocesan celebration at Nostell Priory yesterday and collected some information which may be useful for our Planning Group. It was a joyful event with over 1000 people present.

(vi) Thanks were given to those who helped paint the toilets which looked much better at the recent summer fair and concert.

(vii) It was agreed that we will open the church on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> September and refer this to the Events Committee for detailed planning regarding refreshments and a rota of those willing to sit in church.

(viii) M Poskitt gave the treasurer a cheque for £550 as an interim payment from the estate of Hilda Bennett. Although the money is not restricted, it was recommended that it be designated for a particular use, for example the PA system.

#### **4) Correspondence:**

(i) Diocesan Environmental Policy - to be distributed to all members of the PCC.

(ii) Churches Housing Trust - to be considered when we make donations.

(iii) Fundraising requests from the Bluebell Hospice and Barnsley Hospice.

(iv) Lockie - it was agreed that we continue to use their envelopes for giving.

## 5) Reports:

(i) G Fletcher reported that the churchwardens have met with the Archdeacon who told them that plaques costing less than £3000 can be approved by him. We can therefore go forward with our proposed plaques for the vicars and readers. Members were asked to look at suitable designs and the possible cost, and report to the next meeting.

(ii) M Poskitt will contact Mark Harvey for progress on the Lady Chapel window.

(iii) G Fletcher will get prices for the safety valves.

(iv) M Poskitt will look at the PA system although this is not so urgent now that we have a new organist. His name is Nick Sutton and came forward in response to an article in the Barnsley Chronicle. We are very pleased to welcome him and his wife who sings in the choir.

(v) The microwave oven in the vestry is breaking down. M Poskitt advised that it is not used and that G Fletcher will buy another microwave, costing under £100, in consultation with L Mace and P Adcock.

(vi) The treasurer presented a written report. It was proposed by G Fletcher and seconded by H Fletcher that we pay £3500 (in addition to our regular £500 monthly payment) towards our Common Fund and this was agreed - eight in favour and one abstention. The treasurer will continue to monitor how much heating we use.

(vii) The treasurer reported on a review of the 2009 accounts of St. Thomas's comparing them with St. Edward's to see if any extra income or saving in expenditure could be made. He made the following observations:-

- Both the running expenses and the cost of upkeep of services at St Edward's were almost double those of St. Thomas's.
- St. Edward's maintenance was about £4500 compared to £600 at St. Thomas's.
- Planned giving was £2000 more and other collections £2500 more at St. Thomas's.
- Activities to generate funds were £8729 at St. Edward's and £1984 at St. Thomas's.
- Church activities (Fees & Magazine) were £9700 at St. Thomas's but only £3200 at St. Edward's.
- Sundry donations and Legacies were £5000 more at St. Thomas's.
- St. Thomas's used £16500 of their reserves to pay the Common Fund in full, whereas at St. Edward's we are balancing the income and expenditure in order to keep our designated funds available to pay for any modifications needed to implement our transformational plan.

(viii) The Events Committee is meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> June to plan events around the Patronal Festival in October and the Christmas Fair in December. It was agreed that the Songs of Praise on 4<sup>th</sup> July will be organised by the Worship Committee which meets on 18<sup>th</sup> June. However, the organist and choir may be at Wakefield Cathedral on 4<sup>th</sup> July. The Pastoral Committee has not met since the last PCC meeting.

(ix) The PCC's policies need to be approved, consolidated and complied with. The existing policies will be circulated to PCC members for comments at our next meeting. A decision will also have to be taken about the monitoring and review of the policies. It was agreed that people will take the lead on policies as follows: Health and Safety - G & H Fletcher, Finance - J Gostelow, Memorials in Church - M Poskitt, Environment - F Thompson, Child Protection - M Gostelow.

6) **Quiet Day:** this will take place at Lenacre Farm on 20<sup>th</sup> July and lifts will be provided.

7) **Deanery Synod:** Fr Nicholson exhorted those present to pay their Common Fund this year. The treasurer was asked to check if he has paid our Deanery Synod subs this year.

8) **Parish Transformational Plan:** a small group met on Saturday and started to discuss the brief i.e. our vision, how the church building could be modified to meet our objectives and whom we could collaborate with as partners. The vision statement will be presented to the congregation for comments as it is important that there is a conversation between the planning group and the congregation. Underlying the planning is the preservation of the church as a sacred Christian space.

9) **Mara Link:** F Thompson reported that Mara is reorganising into three new dioceses with three new bishops. There is meeting about this on 18<sup>th</sup> July which he will attend. He will also write an item for the pew sheet about giving a goat at a cost of £60 in the Mara Harvest Appeal and display Mara information in the prayer area.

10) **Church Action on Poverty:** F Thompson and M Gostelow attended a meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> May of the steering group which is looking at providing starter packs for homeless people when they are offered a property. Sub groups have been set up to identify funding, an operating base and volunteers. It is hoped that the project will be launched in Barnsley at the end of September this year.

11) **Christians Together:** Church groups have been invited to march with their banners at the Mayor's parade on 10<sup>th</sup> July. There will also be a prayer marquee in the town centre. F Thompson agreed to attend a meeting to discuss this on 16<sup>th</sup> June.

12) **AOB:**

(i) M Poskitt confirmed that most of the stuff we stored in the vicarage has been thrown away. There are some bags of books left which can be offered for sale at the next coffee morning; any remaining should be disposed of as there is nowhere to store them. F Thompson agreed to collect the books.

(ii) It was agreed that L Mace can purchase a set of plastic drawers for her cleaning materials.

**Date and time of next meeting: 2.15pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July in the vestry.**

**Signed.....**

**Date.....**