

St Edward the Confessor, Barnsley.

Minutes of PCC Meeting held on 8th November 2010.

Opening Prayers

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

Gemma Stancey from Heritage Inspired (HI) addressed the meeting. HI was set up in Rotherham in 1998, started to cover the rest of South Yorkshire in 2007 and now work in parts of Nottinghamshire and West Yorkshire. They promote heritage, interpret buildings, produce leaflets and give advice to many different faith groups. Pat McLaughlin gives talks and runs local history courses and volunteer workshops. HI's funding will end in December 2011 but they are hoping to keep something going.

HI can help a church to set up a group, for example a group to organise a programme of events or a special event. HI can suggest a constitution and advise on applications for funding etc.

Ms Stancey agreed to email G Fletcher some sample constitutions. She was thanked for attending and then left the meeting.

1) Apologies for absence: R Burton, L Mace.

2) Minutes of meeting held on 4th October were agreed.

3) Matters arising from the minutes:

- (i) Jo Beacroft-Mitchell will be attending the PCC meeting on 6th December.
- (ii) J Gostelow presented a bar chart comparing giving in Wakefield diocese and at St Edward's.
- (iii) The vacuum cost £120.
- (iv) Letters have gone out with the weekly envelopes as agreed.
- (v) F Thompson will start painting the mural tomorrow.

4) Correspondence:

A calendar has been sent from the diocese.

5) Reports:

(i) One of the boilers is still not firing up properly and we are waiting for Byfields to come back and check it.

(ii) Mr Parker has not yet mended the parapet.

(iii) Totty's have not yet done drawings of the Readers' Plaque.

(iv) Mark Harvey is currently preparing a scale drawing in watercolours of the proposed Lady Chapel windows and will do enlarged roundels so that we can see the details. We can then apply for a faculty.

(v) M Poskitt is not sure what is wrong with the PA system although the amplifier is poor in terms of power. He will continue to experiment to see what changes can be made.

(vi) G Fletcher agreed to ask Byfields to advise us on fitting solar panels.

(vii) The treasurer presented a written report. He will prepare a draft budget for the next PCC meeting and reminded members that decisions about charitable giving are usually made at the December meeting.

(viii) The Christmas Fair will be held in church on 4th December. It was agreed that children's craft activities could take place in the Lady Chapel.

(ix) No progress has been made on the Health and Safety Policy.

(x) M Gostelow attended diocesan child protection training last week and informed the meeting about CRB checks. It was agreed that sidespeople would no longer be required to have a CRB check as they do not have individual contact with children and do not hold positions of authority within the church.

(xi) M Poskitt and F Thompson are preparing a press release to go to the Barnsley Chronicle regarding our search for another organist. Colin Rowlands has also approached people in Sheffield Diocese.

(xii) Discussion on the draft policy regarding vulnerable adults was deferred as not all members have had a chance to read it.

6) Worship Committee: met on 5th November and discussed Christmas services and carol singing in local residential homes. Christmas services will be held at both St Edward's and St Thomas's as it was felt that people wanted to attend their own parish church at this time of year.

7) Pastoral Committee: has not met.

8) Deanery Synod: met last week and had talks from Jill Johnson (Diocesan Education Department) and Stephanie Cooper. They were given information packs about women bishops which are to be studied and presented to PCC meetings.

9) Planning Working Group: has met to look at the results of the questionnaires. M Poskitt will produce a draft report for the PCC before the church annual meeting takes place.

10) Mara Link: no information.

11) Christians Together in Barnsley: are due to meet on 10th November; M Poskitt hopes to get a copy of their leaflet.

12) Sunday School/Children's Activities: M Poskitt will set up a meeting for people who may be interested in contributing.

13) AOB: It was agreed that G Fletcher will buy a diary for vestry events and bookings and will send a copy of the lettings policy to all hirers. M Poskitt is doing a poster advertising the vestry for hire.

J Gostelow will update the "who does what list", circulate a copy and put a copy in the vicar's vestry.

Dates and times of next meetings: December 6th, January 17th, February 7th, March 7th, all at 2.15pm.

The date of the Annual Meeting will be agreed at the January PCC Meeting.

Signed..... Date.....