

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

### **Minutes of PCC Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2010.**

#### **Opening Prayers**

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

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

**2) Minutes of meeting** held on 6<sup>th</sup> September were amended and agreed.

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

(i) M Poskitt took photos at various church events on 24<sup>th</sup> September and they are now on the website.

(ii) Margaret Cooper's family have decided not to have a bench in the church grounds but to commemorate her life in another way.

(iii) F Thompson has done a Mara display in the vestry.

(iv) L Taylor-Kent will advertise for a bowling team in this week's pew sheet.

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

(i) Correspondence has been received from Jo Beacroft-Mitchell (Diocesan Giving and Resources Officer). It was agreed that M Poskitt will invite her to the December PCC meeting and will consider attending a training day on 13<sup>th</sup> November. The treasurer agreed to compare information about diocesan giving with giving from St Edward's.

(ii) A draft policy for vulnerable adults was tabled. It was agreed to copy this and circulate it to members of the PCC for discussion at a future meeting.

#### **5) Reports:**

(i) A parapet stone on the tower needs re-pointing at a cost of £100. G Fletcher will ask Mr Parker to do it.

(ii) The readers' plaque will need a faculty. G Fletcher will ask Totty's to provide drawings with dimensions/colour/material of the plaque.

(iii) There was a clear winner in the designs for the Lady Chapel window. Design A received 4 votes, C, 4 votes and B, 21 votes. Mark Harvey will now be asked to consider the details to be placed in the roundels e.g, rolling hills, lilies, music, a Bible, but probably not a pit head. A faculty will be needed.

(iv) The PA system has been examined but no quote has been received yet regarding an upgrade. A faculty may be needed.

(v) There is a fault on the control module of the heating system. G Fletcher will ask Byfields to check it.

(vi) The treasurer presented a written report. It was agreed, with 8 votes for and one abstention, to pay £2000 towards the Common Fund.

(vii) The treasurer has received a letter increasing our monthly direct debit for electricity based on estimated readings. He will now supply monthly readings to ensure we do not get overcharged.

(viii) A total of £1344 (with another £125 expected) was donated on Gift Day.

(ix) Members noted the need to advertise events promptly on the new A frames. Tickets for the concert this week have not been selling well and it was suggested that in future we advertise lifts for people who are not able to get to evening events easily.

#### **6) Policies:**

(i) The Health and Safety policy is still work in progress. F Thompson tabled a Tower Risk Assessment which was agreed and which will be added to the H&S Policy.

(ii) The Lettings Policy was considered. We need to agree if there are any groups that we do not want to hire the vestry. It was agreed that from January 2011 we will charge £15 per hour to hire the vestry and £5 per hour in addition to use the kitchen. Hiring the church will be open for negotiation.

#### **7) Worship Committee:**

(i) The Committee has met to discuss the Harvest Festival and the Patronal Festival with the Bishop of Wakefield. There will be a sung Evensong on 10<sup>th</sup> October. There was a discussion about the new service booklets.

(ii) The Pet Service was attended by seven dogs and fifteen people and will be an annual event.

(iii) We need to start publicising for a new organist.

(iv) There was some discussion about the times of services and the possibility of a service after school.

#### **8) Pastoral Committee:**

The Committee has met and discussed the prayer corner and the importance of everyone contributing to the pastoral network.

**9) Deanery Synod:** meets at St Edward's on 4<sup>th</sup> November.

**10) Parish Plan:** the working group has met and questionnaires are being sent to everyone on the Electoral Roll.

**11) Mara Link:** The treasurer would use the basis of the proforma letter forwarded at the last meeting to Mara to let the parish of Tairo know our total annual donations at the end of the year.

#### **12) Churches Together in Barnsley:**

(i) The meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> September received an update on street pastors. There are currently 24 and there will be a further training programme this autumn.

(ii) There will be a carol service in Cheapside on 11<sup>th</sup> December and a united service at Emmanuel Church on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2011.

#### **13) Publicity:**

(i) A noticeboard for the church wall has been purchased and will be delivered shortly. The new A frames are already in use.

(ii) F Thompson has designed a Christmas mural in which we can advertise our Christmas events. Students from Greenacre School will be asked to make stars for it.

**14) Barnsley Starter Packs Project:** was launched last Monday. More details on their website [www.barnsleystarterpacks.org.uk](http://www.barnsleystarterpacks.org.uk). Their poster will be displayed at the back of church and F Thompson will write an article for the next Parish News. As we will have difficulties storing any donations it was suggested that we co-ordinate collection at particular times.

**15) 2009 Year of Children:** members noted the importance of taking account of children's views when the Parish Plan is drawn up.

**16) A.O.B.**

(i) It was agreed that G Fletcher would buy a new vacuum cleaner for £100.

(ii) M Poskitt agreed to write a letter thanking members of the congregation who give via the envelope scheme. The treasurer will add a note asking people to pay by standing order.

**Date and time of next meeting: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 2.15pm in the vestry.**