



**Tim's Ordination:** Will expressed delight to be alongside Tim at his ordination and gave thanks to Sue May for organising the transport. It was great to put Tim 'straight to work' the next day and very good to have Fr David Warner as our Preacher that day. Tim thanked everyone for their support love and care which is greatly appreciated by him, Sophy and Jem.

## **6) Treasurer's Report**

Rob Jones presented Balance Sheet P&L and Income and Expenditure Reports. He has managed to collate all the figures now, however still needs to get to grips with where some funds need to be allocated to. The figures look fairly typical for this point in the year. The meeting offered huge thanks to Rob for undertaking this task and hope that it will now get easier

## **7) Churchwardens**

**Fabric:** Sue May said there was nothing to report. The deadline for tenders for the Quinquennial repairs is 14<sup>th</sup> July and these will be submitted direct to our Architect

**Safeguarding:** Paul Vernon requested that if anyone had not been DBS checked to speak to him. He also informed the meeting that everyone should undertake Safeguarding training and this can be organised at St Marys if more than 2/3rds of people can attend. Peter Hansford asked if we could offer places to other Parishes and Paul confirmed this could be offered once we know a date. There is a possibility of spare capacity at a session being run at Kinsbourne Green however we do not know the date yet. Prior to the session online training should have been undertaken so this will also needs to be arranged and a link to the online training is to be sent out. The question was asked if the nature of this training is specific to churches. Will explained that it comes out of enhanced procedures from the Church of England centrally and being rolled out in each Diocese.

Will asked on behalf of the Roberts family for approval of the following resolution:

"That the PCC seek the necessary permission for the discreet inscription of a chalice and ciborium given in loving memory of Henry Barker RIP with the words 'Henry F. Barker 2007' to be engraved on the underside of both vessels."

This resolution was put to the PCC

Proposer: Steven Gell    Seconded by: Brian Hayward    Passed: Nem Con

## **8) Stewardship**

John reported it had been decided the Standing Committee to leave people to make their own decisions about giving to the Church however Jim May is going to write to those people who donate using the Blue Envelopes.

## **9) Mission Action Plan**

There will be a meeting on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July in the Church Hall of St Stephens Church in St Albans 9.30 am until 1 pm. meeting firstly at St Marys at 9 am for those who want to share lifts. Please sign the list. Will hoped that as many people as possible attend to hear a breadth of views.

## **10) Youth**

**Holiday Zone:** Ailsa appealed for any volunteers for cover of the Holiday zone during the Summer Holidays. Will asked for the final schedule as soon as possible to go in the Pew Sheet

## **11) Churchyard**

One of the benches in the Churchyard has been removed but otherwise good progress being made.

## **12) Charitable Finance Committee**

A Concert of Chamber Music will be performed by David and Julie Beaman in the Church on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm. No tickets are required however there will be a retiring collection. Starlight Supper is on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 7.45 pm. Places are still available and tickets are £7 with Fish and Chips or free if no food needed. Last year's charity Gaddesden Place Riding for the Disabled, to whom we donated in excess of £14,000, have purchased a "Mule" which Will and Amanda went to visit yesterday and foolishly they allowed the Vicar to have a drive! The "Mule" has been christened Mary in honour of us, which was a lovely touch. Some photos are being circulated.

## **13) Any other business**

Tim informed the meeting that he and Kate Forde are looking at the web site design and our use of social media and will report back in due course as part of the Mission Action Plan. This may involve some cost if we need to use a web designer. There could also be an opportunity for a secure portal to access various documents.

As it is his last PCC meeting before moving Peter Handsford formally stood down from all his committee work and expressed that he had enjoyed his time at St Mary's immensely. The meeting wished to record its sincere thanks to Peter for all his involvement in Church and Parish life over the years.

### **Redbourn Classics Motor Show 16<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

Steve Smith explained that the Friends of St Mary's could benefit greatly from the proceeds of this event. There are several things that need to be done such as marking out areas, shaking buckets for donations, assisting with car parking. If everyone did a couple of hours each on that day between 12 pm and 6 pm all things would be covered. Steve has some forms for people to fill in should they wish to volunteer. Bottles are also required for the Bottle Stall.

Will has just returned from General Synod and was asked to give the meeting a brief overview of events. 'Highlights' included The Archbishop of York John Sentamu's presentation 'A still voice of calm' about social cohesion, debates around National Church mission opportunities, the potential for abuse from the use of Conversion therapy, a welcome for Transgender people, the amendment of Canons 36 and 37 in respect of changing attitudes in regards to Clergy vesture and Funeral services for those who have taken their own lives. Finally there was a discussion over School Admissions policy where tied accommodation is involved, not just for clergy but other workers also.

## **14) Ancillary Buildings**

**Old Church Hall:** The building is nearly completed a new Fireplace was installed this week the committee were given the opportunity after the meeting to have a tour round.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.55 pm with the Grace.

### **Next Meetings**

7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Full PCC
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Standing Committee