

**PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY REDBOURN**

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE UPPER ROOM ON WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019**

**Present:**   **The Vicar**       **The Curate**       **Celia Forbes**       **Stephen Gell**       **Ailsa Hulme**  
              **Jim May**           **Keith McAdam**   **David Mitchell**   **Alan Simkins**       **Paul Vernon**  
              **Mike Wood**

The Vicar opened the meeting at 8.15 pm with a prayer.

**1) Minutes of the PCC Meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

The minutes were approved as drawn and there were no matters arising.

**2) Worship**

There is a varied pattern of services etc. for the next few weeks.

23<sup>rd</sup> June - Renewal of Baptismal vows - families of those baptised in the last 2.5 years specially invited to take part. We will make sure that a warm welcome is extended.

29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> June - Chellington Weekend - so far 6 families have signed up to attend, but there has not been a lot of interest so far in single day participation. As the Vicar and Curate will both be at Chellington, the Sunday services at 8 am and 9.30 am will be conducted by Liz Hughes, Chaplain at Luton Airport.

5<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> July - Vicar will be at the Synod meeting in York.

11<sup>th</sup> July - Starlight Event - Searchlight Theatre Show in the Village Hall.

12<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> July - The Vicar will be doing his A – Z Challenge. Sponsorship can be made via the church website to charity account of Youth Talk or through the sponsor forms in church.

21<sup>st</sup> July - Confirmation service, conducted by Bishop Robin. There will probably be 14 candidates.

Holiday Club - Takes place from 29 July to 2 Aug. All 72 places are filled with a considerable waiting list.

4<sup>th</sup> August - Farewell to the Vickers family as Tim takes up his new post in Bushey. There will be single service at 11 am with farewells and a Bring and Share lunch.

Services during the Vicar's holiday will be covered by Bishop Robin and Revd Peter Crumpler.

7<sup>th</sup> September - Classics on the Common. We are committed to providing staff for one of the four entrances for the day.

8<sup>th</sup> September - Patronal Festival - The preacher will be Emmanuel, an African missionary who is currently part of the YWAM Harding Close community. He will also arrange for African music during the service and African food afterwards.

There will be shared evening services with the other Redbourn Churches during the summer period. The new Methodist Minister will be installed in September.

### **3) Treasurer's Report**

Mike presented a very detailed written report prior to the meeting. He has brought all the accounts up to date, and our bills are paid. There was some discussion regarding the future, and Mike thanked Ruth Hughes for the considerable help she has given him already and her ongoing assistance. We are all very grateful to Mike for what he has done to bring us out of a very difficult situation. The Vicar will confirm with Ruth that returns as necessary have been submitted to the Diocese.

### **4) Mission Action Plan**

The plan needs to be brought up to date, and it is hoped that this will have been done by the next PCC meeting.

### **5) Churchwardens and Fabric Report**

The annual inspection by the Rural Dean or his representative is due in a couple of months. We will ensure that all our bookwork etc. is up to date. He will also be checking on graves. The Bellringers have reported some sort of infestation in the carpeting in the bell tower. We may have to have the carpet fumigated to ensure that nothing more sinister takes up residence. Tim has kindly offered to inspect and advise given his knowledge in this area.

There has been some dispute regarding the work needed to an oak tree bordering land between St Mary's and one of the bungalows in Hemel Hempstead Road. We are investigating the original title of the land when sold in the 1950's.

The ongoing saga of the tower clock continues. Smiths of Derby have made three visits, and although it is currently working, the prognosis is not good. It may need major work at significant cost, in which case we will actually need to establish whether or not this is viable. Tomasz, who has been living rough in our churchyard for the last five months is now in a much better place, both physically and mentally and is ready to move on. Emmaus have offered him a 'solidarity place' which will provide a roof over his head and pocket money, in return for a full week's work in their workshop. Unfortunately, the only available place at present is in Glasgow. Will and David Mitchell plan to take him to Glasgow this coming Friday. We wish Tomasz all the best in this move and pray that he will settle well into his new surroundings.

Our organ needs to be re-voiced. The DAC have made their inspection and Jonathan will attend the next PCC meeting to discuss this. There is still some money left in the Organ Fund which we hope will cover the cost. An expert will be coming soon to give an assessment.

### **6) Ancillary Buildings Committee Report**

The Wifi in the Transept is causing problems, and Jim May will purchase a new router at small cost to remedy this.

The committee are concerned at the appearance of the floors in the toilets. Our cleaner will be asked if he can try a deep clean and sealant in the first instance. It would be around £1000 to replace the floor covering. The sanitary ware needs to have the limescale removed and this work can be tackled in August when the hall use is quieter.

Our photocopier has come to the end of its lease, and we have agreed with Ricoh to take on another machine, and the cost will be lower.

Vicarage Cottage - the lease will be renewed in August for a further 2 years at the same rent.

### **7) Charitable Finance Committee Report**

Vintage Tea Party - this was very successful and raised £750 from sales of tickets, and a further like sum from donations and a raffle. Our sincere thanks go to the Nelders for their hard work in arranging the party and for hosting it in their beautiful garden.

A concert is in the planning stages, hopefully to be held at St Luke's on the 14<sup>th</sup> November.

A representative from Youth Talk will come later in the year to tell us more about their work.

### **8) Youth Work and Ministry to Young People**

Ailsa had circulated a full report before the meeting.

Teddy Tots will be very sorry to lose Tim when he leaves in August.

### **9) Churchyard Report**

The churchyard has not been looking at its best recently because of the very inclement weather. However, as last week was much improved, it was possible to make a very good concerted effort to bring everything back up to scratch. The two cedar trees will need to have a couple of low boughs removed.

### **10) Stewardship Report**

The Committee met on the 14<sup>th</sup> May. Andy Ford is investigating the idea of make a YouTube film about St Mary's. We are proposing to have a Time and Talents celebration for the three weeks around harvest time.

There was no further business and the meeting was closed at 10.05 pm with the Grace.

### **Next Meetings**

#### **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE NEXT PCC MEETING**

<b>17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Full PCC</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Full PCC</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>Standing Committee</b>