

St Mary the Virgin Nettleton
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
Thursday 25th June 8.00pm
at The New House, Church Hill

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**St Mary's PCC
Health & Safety Progress Report 23 Sept 2009**

1. An internal inspection has been done. There is now a pew where the seat is looking in poor condition. However, it tests OK for normal sitting. If we go ahead with the reordering, this will provide suitable materials for its repair.
2. Food H&S guidance - Input needed with someone with food H&S training.
3. Regular cleaning of toys using bactericidal wipes is now logged in the parent and toddler book.
4. Other H&S shortfalls - there is a backlog of updates to guidance and risk assessments, and of relatively minor things needing fixing.

Fabric Report 23 Sept 2009

1. Birds have been nesting again in the bell chamber. We will ask Adrian Packer to have another look at the screens.
2. The mowing has been less frequent this year, to reduce costs.
3. See H&S report above about the need to repair a pew
4. Ecclesiastical insurance cover for lead roofing now requires it to be marked with Smartwater. We have bought some, but it needs to be applied to the valley gutter and the tower roof.

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**ST MARY THE VIRGIN NETTLETON
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

Thursday 24th September 8.00pm
at The New House, Church Hill

Present: Canon Ann Ashcroft (Rector) Marje Caie (Churchwarden/Chair)
Sheena Payne Jo Smith (JS)
Jonathan Smith (Treasurer - JRS) Annie Trubody
Alistair Caie (Secretary)

Apologies for absence: none

1. Minutes of PCC Meeting 25th June 2009

1.1 Approval: The minutes were approved as a true record. Proposed: JS Seconded: JRS

1.2 Actions arising:

Action 22/01/09:9 Nettleton Parish Council have give the church a grant of £500 towards gardening costs.

Action 2/4/09:6 JRS/MC to do 2008/9 Gift Aid claim - continues

Action 2/4/09:8 AT/SP/MC to approach former donors about reinstating regular donations – continues

Action 2/4/09:11 AA,AC & MC have visited a Messy Church session at Didcot - see item 4.5

Action 2/4/09:12 AC to offer bier for hire – continues

Action 25/6/09:1 The mission growth plan has been circulated and approved - see item 4.1.

Actions 2/4/09:15, Action 25/6/09:2 The first God and Wine God and Wine meeting has taken place. The date for the next meeting is to be agreed.

Action 2/4/09:16 ALL to think of how we should welcome newcomers- continues – when the new development becomes occupied, we should invite them to a drinks evening in the church.

Action 2/4/09:17 ALL to let MC know when we hear of newcomers to the Parish – continues.

Action 30/4/09:3 JRS to arrange to change the name of the bank accounts to 'The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church Nettleton'. This was to support the Awards for All grant application, which had been unsuccessful. It was not clear that it was still necessary, and had the potential to create problems with the donors paying by standing order. It was therefore agreed that this action lapses.

Action 25/6/09:3 JRS has provided contact details for Hills, and they are assessing our grant application - see item 3.1.

Action 25/6/09:4 AT said that she ran the 100 club quite successfully, so there is no longer a need to contact Viv about this.

Action 25/6/09:5 The community space flier has ben produced and distributed.

Action 25/6/09:6 MC arranged for Alistair Ramsey to perform organ pieces at the 17 July TGIF.

Action 25/6/09:7 For next Open Day, AC to provide written teddy bear parachuting guidance and ensure risk assessments cover late additions to stalls and activities - continues.

Action 25/6/09:8 AC has provided a fixing to tie up long handled broom.

Action 25/6/09:9 MC has made the community police aware of security incidents at the church.

2. Finance

JRS reported that there was £1500 in the current account and £6239 in the deposit account at the end of August. Diocese and Benefice Quota payments were all up to date, with the Diocese being paid by standing order. The insurance premium is going up abut £5 per month.

3. Reordering project

3.1 Progress with grants and donations

Hills responded positively to our approach, asking us to apply through the Landfill Communities Fund scheme. The application for a grant of £4587 has been circulated to the PCC, and submitted. We should hear on or shortly after

7th October. So far we have been awarded £5,000 in other grants, and have received £3147 in pledges, and £866 in donations, and the PCC have allocated £1000 from its reserves at an earlier meeting.

MRC said that she has received a further pledge to make up much of the shortfall if the Hills application is unsuccessful, to cover the cost of the basic items. We would also be able to recover £1400 VAT on the work on the floor through the Listed Places of Worship Scheme if we are not using LCF funding.

3.2 Starting the work

On the basis of the above progress, MRC proposed that the PCC approve setting in hand the basic items of the project using Roy Brookman. JRS as Treasurer was happy with this proposal. It was seconded by SP and approved by all.

Action 24/9/09:1 MRC to contact Roy Brookman to set the reordering work in hand

4. Mission

4.1 Growth Plan

The growth plan prepared by MRC and AC has been circulated and approved, and submitted to the Benefice for inclusion in the Vacancy Development package.

4.2 Harvest Festival & Supper

This was a well attended and enjoyable service and the service collection raised about £83 for the Church Housing Trust. The flowers and produce in the church were excellent, and there was plenty of tinned and packaged food to pass on to the Benefice Harvest Appeal. The harvest supper was excellent, and the supper donations raised over £150 for the church and the reordering fund. The fresh produce has been passed to Cafe Church, as a thank you for their gift to us of tables and tablecloths.

4.3 God and Wine

The first meeting had taken place, with 7 of us. This was stimulating and enjoyable, and we need to arrange another

Action 24/9/09:2 MRC to sort out a date for the next God and Wine

4.4 TGI Friday

The October TGI is for those who were Christened at St Mary's. In addition to the usual fliers and posters around the villages, we will try to issue personalised invitations to those we can track down.

The theme for the November TGIF is Memories, and we will try to contact all those with relatives buried at St Mary's. December TGIF will be the combined Carol Service and Christingle.

4.5 Visit to Messy Church

MRC and AA described the visit to the Messy Church session run in a community hall in Didcot by a Baptist Church. This was busy, with about 50 adults and children. All children have to be accompanied by a parent or carer. The children, who were mainly of primary school age, moved freely between various tables each with an activity with a harvest theme, such as leaf printing; making fruit kebabs; quiz, wordsearch and video about clean water; figures made from vegetables; and also outdoor play. After about 90 minutes, this was followed by an entertaining informal service, in which Mr Worry learnt about the lilies in field from Matthew's gospel, so that he shouldn't worry quite as much. The session finished with a ploughman's lunch, and your own fruit kebab.

It was clearly effective in engaging families with primary school children. It involved quite a bit of work, and would need to be scaled down to suit the smaller (about 50%) congregation of our church. It looked worth trying, once the community space has been set up, as a follow on from the pre-school Edward Bear club.

There was some discussion about the demographics of the parish. SP suggested that there are quite a few teenagers that we might try to engage. AA said that the Diocesan youth officer is a good source of help in developing teenagers' involvement.

5. Events

5.1 Xmas Hogroast

We need to get the details sorted out soon so we can submit the advert to Honeycomb by 12th October.

Action 24/9/09:3 AT/SP to contact West Kington Chapel and Becky Reid to confirm arrangements.

5.2 Children's/Family party

It was agreed we should hold a party on a Saturday afternoon in the spring, with a welcome to newcomers to the village.

5.3 Pancake Supper

It was agreed that we should hold this again in 2010.

6. Fabric

We have bought some more Smartwater, to be applied to the lead flashing in the valley gutter, and to the tower roof.

Birds have been nesting again in the bell chamber.

Action 24/9/09:4 AC to contact Adrian Packer to check/repair the bird screens.

7. Health and Safety

The H&S report was noted. There are no significant new items.

8. Deanery

Bishop Lee will be making a presentation of the Releasing the Energy strategy on 29 Sept at St Peter's Chippenham. We need to attend to learn the important implications of the strategy for small rural churches.

9. Next Meeting Thurs 21st January, venue tba.