

**St Mary the Virgin Nettleton**  
**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2011 8pm at The New House

Present: Marje Caie (Churchwarden/Chair) Gillian Parkin (Ministry Team)  
Jo Smith (Churchwarden) John Millican (Treasurer)  
Sheena Payne Ann Wilson  
Ian Wilson Alistair Caie (Secretary)

Apologies for absence: Rev. Jonathan Philpott, Annie Trubody

1. Minutes of PCC Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2011

1.1 Approval: The minutes were approved as a true record. Proposed: JM Seconded:AW

1.2 Actions arising:

Action 19/01/11:1 AT & SP have contacted West Kington Chapel to see if they are interested in a joint musical event. The Chapel are going to get back to us. There has been no response, so this action lapses.

**Action 7/10/10:7 Uneven path as a trip hazard. Arrange repair. MC has asked Roy Brookman to quote for this, and if the PCC decides that it cannot fund it, MC will pay for the work. Continues**

**Action 19/01/11:2 Get electronic candles to try out. It was agreed that SP should get details and circulate to the PCC. Continues - SP.**

**Action 22/07/11:1 Save tissue boxes, chocolate mini roll boxes or similar for Messy Church. Continues - ALL**

**Action 22/07/11:4 Investigate and consider the possibility of developing BBC along the lines of Doynton's Cafe Church. Continues - MC & JS**

Action 22/07/11:5 AC to circulate Team Council Minutes - ongoing

Action 22/07/11:6 JM to open Monmouthshire BS account for our reserves. Complete.

Action 22/07/11:7 AC & JM to contact Roy Brookman about revised scope of work. Complete

**Action 22/07/11:8 Check we can reclaim VAT on this work under the LPW scheme. Continues - JM**

**Action 22/07/11:9 Arrange DAC inspection for solar panels. Photos required - AC**

2. Team Council

MC reported that discussions are under way between representatives of the By Brook and Marshfield Benefices on arrangements for sharing clergy, to improve the clergy provision for By Brook once the vacancy at Marshfield has been filled.

3 Mission & Services

3.1 Sunday Services

Some of the congregation and some PCC members found the Benefice Services too long, and have decided to stop going to them. GP will suggest to JP that we have two communion serving points, to speed it up. The PCC felt that sermons could be shorter, more concise, and that there were opportunities to omit verses from some of the longer hymns. To some extent these points also applied to the regular communion services, definitely when they included a baptism.

The Remembrance Service is 13<sup>th</sup> November. It is hoped that it will be possible to start this at 10.45 instead of the normal Sunday service time of 11.00. We need a new flag.

**Action 10/10/11:1 MC to discuss proposed 10.45 start time for Remembrance Service with JP**

**Action 10/10/11:2 AC to ask Adrian Packer to get a new flag.**

3.2 December Services

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec - Messy Church

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec - Service with a Smile

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec - The PCC would like Christingle at 4.30, as last year, replacing the normal Communion.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec - TGIF Carol Service. GP asked for a copy of the order of service from last year

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> - The PCC would like Midnight Mass, and MC said that JP had agreed this earlier in the year.

**Action 10/10/11:3 MC to confirm December service arrangements with JP**

3.3 TGI Friday

The following themes were agreed with GP:

14 Oct (lay led) Operation Christmas Child, with short video.

18<sup>th</sup> Nov - Great Expectations

16<sup>th</sup> Dec - Carol Service

13<sup>th</sup> Jan - Celtic Communion

17<sup>th</sup> Feb - Supporters Service

4.4 Messy Church 22<sup>nd</sup> October

MC and JS OK. Irene Jacques is not available, and MC didn't know if AT was available or not.

**Action 10/10/11:4 MC to arrange meeting re Messy Church Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> (date tbc)**

4 Events

4.1 Advent Supper

SP said she and AT had spoken to The Old House at Home, and that it looked like Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec was possible. They were going to contact her to confirm date and agree a price. It was noted that the ticket price for 2006 was £13.50, and so a ticket price of £15 was suggested.

Action 10/10/11:5 SP to report to MC and JS with final proposals - now complete - 5/12 confirmed, OH@H will charge us £12.50, so ticket price £15.00.

**Action 10/10/11/6 SP to prepare Honeycomb advert**

4.2 Pancake Supper Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Feb

5 Finance

JM's finance report was noted. The PCC hope to be in a position to clear the Parish Share backlog at the end of the year. This will be decided at the next PCC meeting.

6 Fabric

AC's fabric report was noted. It was agreed that we can get rid of the upright vacuum cleaner.

7 Health & Safety

No incidents or new issues.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 2012 Parish Share

MC said the Deanery are asking for a 5% increase. MC proposed that we increase our share by 2%. This was agreed. The PCC was very unhappy that some churches in the By Brook Benefice have made very substantial reductions in their parish share pledges since 2009, when St Mary's N&B is making a full payment despite having the lowest reserves and having to defer a great deal of fabric maintenance work for want of money. The PCC believe that these churches in effect are expecting other PCCs like St Mary's to subsidise their ministry. MC expressed this view at the Team Council in 2010 but this appeared to have no influence. It was agreed that MC and JS should write to JP and the Bishop expressing in strong terms our concern and disappointment that other churches in the Benefice are expecting us to subsidise their ministry.

**Action 10/10/11: MC and JS to write to JP and the Bishop about our dissatisfaction with other By Brook Churches parish share policy.**

Next Meeting

Events: Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov venue tba

PCC: Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Jan The New House

## St Mary's Nettleton & Burton Finance Report Oct 2011

Reserve account (Monmouthshire B.S - new)	6245.17
Current account (after allowing for uncashed cheques)	2569.10

### Parish share

We have caught up with some of the delayed standing order payments. The shortfall is now £696.70.

### Projection to 31 Dec

Current account £850-£950, after payment of parish share including shortfall. Improvement is due to increased donations at services, lower than estimated quota payments, higher fund raising receipts and higher donations at the Harvest Supper. Slightly offset by increases in cost estimates for gardening, power, and insurance.

The insurance has been renewed - an extra £8.20/month.

Gift Aid donations since 1 April £2224.91. This will yield a rebate of ~£600 in April 2012.

It isn't clear what grant we can expect from the LPW scheme for our fabric work, since the grants are adjusted pro-rata to meet a fixed budget for each quarter.

6.10.11

## St Mary's N&B Fabric Report October 2011

We are waiting for Roy Brookman to start on the minor fabric repairs.

John Millican has cleared the ground gutters regularly. John and I have cleared the main roof gutters. The valley gutter and tower roof drains were fine when checked earlier in the year by Chris Bennett.

North porch: John & I have done some sealing, and provided a plastic liner for the drain spout on the west side. With this and earlier work clearing the drain spouts and brushing the ceiling, it is looking possible that the water ingress problem identified at the last Q&A may have been overcome. It will be much clearer after the winter.

Damp patch by the pulpit stairs: The guttering outside was inspected during very heavy rain, and it is possible that the problem is due to some rain off the south aisle roof running behind the drain hopper instead of into it, and then down the wall, because there is a gap of about an inch behind the hopper. This needs further thought about how best to tackle it.

The East Georgian pew, two of the north aisle pews, and all the old wooden chairs have been treated for woodworm. We would like to do more pews, but there is an issue with the smell of the preservative.

Chris B has been doing some more strimming.

I would like to take the upright vacuum cleaner out of service.

### Health and Safety Report

No incidents. Some minor items from the routine checks:

- First aid box consumables went out of date and the contents have all been replaced with a new larger set to meet the new BS recommendations.
- New bactericidal cleaning wipes provided.
- The stability of one bookcase is a concern, we should find a better place for it.
- One extension lead needs to be added to the PAT testing list.

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