

**St Mary the Virgin Nettleton**  
**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**  
Special Meeting Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 8.00pm  
at The New House, Church Hill

Present: Marje Caie (Churchwarden/Chair)      Sheena Payne  
Jonathan Smith (Treasurer)                      Alistair Caie (Secretary)

Apologies for absence: Annie Trubody, Jo Smith

1. Purpose of Meeting

The Diocese have sent a letter asking what parish share (quota) payment we are planning to make for 2010. This year the payment is up to us, they ask us to give what we feel is both appropriate and what we can afford.

It had been intended that we discuss this at the PCC meeting on Jan 21<sup>st</sup> 2010, but we are now being pressed for a reply.

2. Parish Share Payment

MC proposes that our 2010 payment should be the same cash value as 2009 (£4805), but this should be reviewed as the year goes by. The following points arose in the discussion:

- 1) Not to pay our share is to expect other parishes to pay for our clergy;
- 2) There are concerns that the level of service provided is under threat following the departure of Rev Val Plumb and the departure next year of Canon Ann Ashcroft. However, we should not prejudge the way the Diocese deals with this challenge;
- 3) We do not want to disadvantage the Benefice clergy in any way;
- 4) There are reservations about some Diocesan spending - do we really need two Bishops in a small Diocese, and is all their overseas travel really useful?

MC said that she had discussed the issue with AT, who was in favour of maintaining the present payment.

Following the discussion, the proposal was approved.

**Action 14/12/09:1 JRS to notify the Diocese and arrange payment**

3. Next Meeting

Thursday 21 January 8 pm at the New House (as agreed at PCC meeting 24/9/09)