

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Sixpenny Handley with Gussage St Andrew, 22nd January 2014, 7.30 pm in the Church

Paul Bishop (PB)	Sheila Bradley (SB)	Bobbie Carter (BC)	Catherine Chapman (CC)
Ted Cox (TC)	John Cullingford (JC) LLM	Rev Mel Durrant (MD)	Peter Goldstone (PG)
Stella Symes (SS)	David Salmons (DS)	Rev Paul Skinner (PS)	Roy Warner (RW)

(01) Welcome, opening prayer, Bible reading (Mark 3:1-6)

Apologies: Clair Brown, Maureen Penrose.

Absent: Sue Curtis

(02) Minutes of the meeting held on 4th December, 2013

Resolution: *A true and accurate record: Proposed: CC Secoded: RW All Agreed.*

(03) Matters arising/AOB

Lee Abbey: A reminder from MD that spaces are filling up for the weekend 27-29th June 2014.

Path, Sound, Vision, Heating : Nothing to report, except that the projects are in hand.

Mel's Sabbatical: 30th June to 18th September 2014. MD expressed thanks to Sheila and worship leaders for their support. Timetables and notice sheets done as much as possible. MD back in time for Harvest.

Vestry: A heater is being kept permanently switched on in the vestry to combat damp.

Spiral Staircase: MD will investigate the best way to offer support to anyone using the staircase in the tower.

Website: MD will work with Mark Wolstenholme to update the Church website.

Broadband: No one has offered to take this project on. It seems to be fading away. PG will find out the name if one of the scout leaders may to help with this service.

Worship pattern: 2014 was given out.

Valentines Day: Celebration on Sunday 9th Feb 32 couples have been invited!

(04) Worship and Ministry

Christmas services were reviewed. The 4.0pm start of Christingle was welcomed and the numbers were up. They were down at Christmas Eve and Christmas morning - possible reasons were discussed. The use of PowerPoint was deemed a success. Carol singing around the village did not take place due to the weather.

The Lent Course, 'Road to Wisdom', will start on Monday 10th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Office.

Lent Soup lunches start on Wed 12th March in the church at 12.30pm. Each week a locally supported charity will be highlighted.

(05) Finances

Share: The 2013 share, £29,627 has been paid. Share for 2014 is £30,922

GiftAid: The contributions in 2013 > 2012 . Bazaars etc have kept income rising.

Audit and Auditor CC said that Holly Brewer is willing to audit and her costs will be £200-250.

CC requested that next year, the PCC meeting with emphasis on finance, be held in February because January is a busy month for her. All agreed. Thanks were given to CC for her hard work on such clear accounts.

Resolution: *To ask Holly Brewer to audit the accounts: Proposed: BC Secoded: DS all agreed.*

(06) Income Generation

DS suggested a cookery session to make bread. This led on to a lively set of ideas resulting in 'The Great Handley Bake Off'! BC and DS will think all this through to get the best format for involvement of the village and to raise significant money.

The **Summer Fayre, 17th May.** The theme is 'waistcoats' – everyone should wear one! Jenny Gordon and her team are the driving forces. Carole Wyatt has agreed to be our representative.

(07) Outward Giving Review

A good discussion

Resolution: We combine DHCT and NHCT into the equivalent of one month's giving. *Proposed: DS Secoded:PG. All agreed*

Resolution: The equivalent of a month's giving to go to the Milton and Blandford Deanery work in the Rokon Diocese in South Sudan. *Proposed: DS Secoded: PG All agreed.*

(08) Synod Report

Thanks were given to DS and TC for their tireless work, representing us at the Synod meetings.

Elections are due at the Annual meeting.

There will be a farewell lunch for Meg and Ted Cox at the 'Shed' on 23rd February.

(09) Date of Next Meetings

Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday, 12th March 2014, in St Mary's Church, 7.30pm

Annual Meeting: Sunday, 27th April in St Mary's 6.00pm

The meeting closed with prayer at 9.20pm.