

**PARISH CHURCH OF ST PETER
NEWTON IN MAKERFIELD**

Minutes of PCC Meeting held on Tuesday 14 June 2011

Members: (* denotes members present : A denotes apologies given)

| EX OFFICIO | | | ELECTED | TERM | |
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| * | Canon J Matthews | Rector | A | Mr G Hutton | 2012 |
| * | Rev L Montgomery | Curate | A | Mr C Tither | 2012 |
| * | Mr W Irving | Warden/D S | * | Mrs M Bentley | 2012 |
| * | Mrs C Tither | Warden | * | Mrs I Coulthard | 2012 |
| * | Mr A Waterworth | Deputy Warden | * | Mrs S Bowden | 2012 |
| * | Mrs D Matthews | Reader | * | Mr I Henry | 2013 |
| * | Mrs D Hilton | D S | A | Mrs M Miller | 2013 |
| A | Mr H Stockton | D S | A | Mrs E Edwards | 2013 |
| | | | * | Mrs A Wilson | 2013 |
| | | | * | Mrs B Flitcroft | 2014 |
| * | Mrs M Tod | Treasurer | * | Mr R Roberts | 2014 |
| * | Mrs E Fairhurst | Secretary | * | Ms A Houghton | 2014 |

1. Welcome and Prayers

Reverend Matthews welcomed everyone to the meeting. For the benefit of our new members, all members introduced themselves. The meeting opened with prayers.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Glenn Hutton, Eileen Edwards, Margaret Miller and Hugh Stockton.

3. Minutes of the PCC meeting held on 24 January 2011

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 January were accepted as a true record of events and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

PCC were informed that the 'Adopt a Stone' initiative has been launched. It was asked if there had been any offers to run the Fair Trade Stall.

5. Minutes of the PCC meeting held on 14 March 2011

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2011 were accepted as a true record of events and signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters Arising

PCC thanked Carol Tither for all her hard work in producing the Annual Report. Opinions were sought if it was preferred to have the report on screen rather than a printed version which saves on cost. Copies could be emailed to members and a printed version to be available to those who do not have computer access. A condensed version was suggested. Harry Ross, a

former curate at St Peter's, preached on Mothering Sunday. He was warmly received by members of the congregation.
PCC were informed of the outcomes of Giving in Grace.
The wardens reported that more lead had been stolen off the Church roof.

7. Correspondence

A letter had been received from Carol and John Higham asking for early consideration of repeating last year's successful Victorian theme. A request was made by the Rotary Club – Young Musicians. This is to be an annual event. PCC agreed to these requests.

8. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported the current position regarding finances. She advised that the Giving in Grace programme was having an impact.

9. Wardens' Report

The Wardens reported that there had been damage to roof tiles where the lead had been stolen. The only lead left is on the tall tower which hopefully cannot be reached. It was reported that the tree near the lychgate needs attention and the Wardens will contact the Council to look at it. A newspaper article was shown regarding the changes to legislation for the loop system in Church.

10. Deanery Synod Report

Rev Joan informed PCC that Ian Henry was D S Secretary and had stepped in following the bereavement of the previous Secretary. He was thanked for taking up this role. Ian Henry reported back from the Deanery Synod meeting and asked if PCC could let him know who was attending the Bishops' Meeting on 23 June. He informed the PCC that the Bishops were meeting with all Deaneries. The main theme is – What has a Parish done in the past twelve months to inspire the community? Our Parish is to talk about the Away Day and two things we are going to do – (1) proposed changes to the Family Service and (2) Alpha Course/House Groups.
Rev Joan explained about Parish Share.

11. Women Bishops

Rev Joan reported to the meeting about the proposed legislation for Women Bishops and shared information from the Briefing Paper for Deanery Synod members. PCC were asked to vote whether the proposed legislation should go forward. Majority votes were in favour, none against and no objections.
Rev Joan thanked everyone.

12. Committee Admin & Reports

PCC were informed about the Art Exhibition and the amount raised is to be put on the bulletin. It was suggested that there could be different sections in future Exhibitions. The event had attracted some new faces and was something to build on for the future.

It was suggested that the Sub-Committee minutes should be submitted to the PCC Secretary for issuing with the Agenda and Minutes for future meetings.

The Terms of Reference are needed from all committees for approval by the PCC together with a list of Committee members.

13. Parish Development Plan

PCC discussed the Parish Development Plan which had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was hoped that the proposed extension plans could start as soon as possible.

The stonework quotes had almost doubled and PCC need to seek 'best value' before any work is done. The Adopt a Stone will be available at the School Summer Fayre.

The first mid-week service will be held on Wednesday 13 July at 8 pm and will last approximately one hour.

The alternate monthly All Age Service will be held in the School Hall. The Governors were in agreement for the Hall to be used. It was reported that there had been some negative feedback from some members of the congregation. It is proposed that the service will start at 3.30 pm til 4.15 pm followed by sandwiches, sausage rolls and cake for example. A rota will need to be set up to help prepare and serve at the service. It was suggested that funds from the Lucas Crouchley Trust could pay towards the cost. PCC agreed that the alternate service would be reviewed.

The Flower Festival is to be advertised on the bulletin. Liz Crompton has asked for volunteer helpers on both days.

There have been enquiries whether Baptism families could use the annexe following the Baptism service.

PCC were advised that Ann Houghton has taken over the Church website. Rev Joan thanked her for taking on this role.

Congregation members are to be invited to take up Church roles.

There has been positive feedback from Baptism families being invited to the Eucharist Service.

New leaders are needed for Tower Group and this is to be put on the bulletin. Our new Christian Aid representative is Wendy Jones.

14. Family Service

This item was covered during the discussion of the Parish Development Plan.

15. Meeting dates 2011-2012

The meeting dates for 2011-2012 were agreed as follows:

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| Tuesday 4 October 2011 | 7.45 pm (note slightly later start) |
| Monday 23 January 2012 | 7.30 pm |
| Monday 12 March 2012 | 7.30 pm |
| Sunday 22 April 2012 AGM | 11 am |
| Monday 25 June 2012 | 7.30 pm |

16. Any Other Business

1. A request has been received from FOSPs for an advertising sign for the Summer Fayre to be placed on the Church railings. After discussion it was agreed. It was noted that the Council have complained in the past about too many banners on the railings.

2. A volunteer is required to be responsible for the opening and closing of the Annexe during bookings . An appeal will be made to the congregation.
3. Ian Henry asked for numbers for the Bishops' meeting.
4. Sue Bowden asked for tables for use at the Summer Fayre and for help on the Adopt a Stone/Paint a Pebble stall.
5. Possible outdoor service at the new Bandstand in the park.
6. Teddy Bear's picnic – PCC agreed
7. All kneelers have been removed from Church except for a very small number.
8. Deanery Synod – Jigsaw – August Bank Holiday weekend. More details to follow.

The meeting closed with prayer at 9.45 pm.

Elaine Fairhurst (Secretary)

Signed: Date

Chairman