

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

Minutes of PCC Meeting held on Monday, 9th November 2009

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

EX-OFFICIO			ELECTED		TERM
A	Canon J Matthews	Rector	A	Mr I Greensmith	2010
*	Mr W Irving	Warden	A	Mrs S Brammeier	2010
*	Mr J Higham	Warden	*	Mrs K Saile	2010
A	Mr A Waterworth	Deputy Warden	*	Mrs A Hamnett	2010
A	Mrs D Matthews	Reader	*	Mrs A Roe	2010
*	Mrs A Myers	Reader	*	Mr G Boulton	2011
*	Mr P Brammeier	D S	*	Mr T Abram	2011
	Mr D Ashworth	D S	A	Mr M Webster	2011
*	Mr GH Stockton	D S	*	Miss A Ellam	2011
*	Mrs D Hilton	D S	*	vacant	2011
			*	Mr G Hutton	2012
			*	Mr C Tither	2012
			*	Mrs M Bentley	2012
*	Mrs M Tod	Treasurer	*	Mrs I Coulthard	2012
*	Mrs C Tither	Secretary	*	Mrs S Bowden	2012

Also present: Reverend Laura Montgomery

1. Welcome and Prayers

Due to Reverend Matthews' absence through holidays, John Higham welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7:30 pm and prayers were led by Reverend Montgomery.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Dorothy Matthews, Albert Waterworth, Sharon Brammeier, Ian Greensmith and Mark Webster.

3. Minutes of the PCC meeting held on 9th September 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th September were accepted as a true record of events and signed by the chairman once the presence of Revd. Laura Montgomery had been noted.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 2009.

5. Correspondence

1. A request for a donation had been received from The Epiphany Trust. Margaret Bentley, the representative for Churches Together in Newton volunteered to take this request to their next meeting as they were looking for local charities to support.

6. Wardens' Report

William Irving circulated a copy of activities that the wardens had been involved in. He informed members that there had been yet another theft of lead from the roof. Police and insurers had been informed. Euroseal had been instructed to replace the missing lead with substitute material and repair any damage to wall and gutters. A quotation had also been obtained from Euroseal to replace the remaining lead with substitute material but PCC felt that it would not necessarily deter attempts to steal and so should only be done as necessary. He advised PCC that a security grill was being made and fitted to the annexe window as this was a particularly vulnerable area. A quotation had been received from David Peake for this job and that of reparation to the notice board but it was felt to be too high. PCC requested that where possible two or three quotes should be obtained for works but conceded that this often proved difficult.

7. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer gave the current balances as follows:

Current account: £7160 Deposit account: £27600 B & F: £3453

The treasurer had explored various possibilities for replacement of the current photocopier. PCC agreed to purchase a new colour copier which was able to produce booklets/magazines etc. for £2566.

8. Concerts

Mr. Stockton expressed his disappointment at the lack of support for recent concerts by PCC, clergy and congregation. The wardens apologised for not being present and have written to Eric to invite him and his wife as special guests at the Brass Band Concert and Ingrid Coulthard agreed to produce a flower arrangement to present to them on the evening.

9. Team Council

Carol Tither gave details of discussions at the last team council meeting.

10. School Governor Vacancies

Due to the resignation of David Ashworth and Enid Hales' decision not to continue after her term of office expired in August, there are now two vacancies to be filled. Hugh Stockton also advised that he will also be retiring from the governing body when his term of office ends in 2010. He strongly recommended that there needed to be someone appointed with current experience in education, preferably at management level and to avoid overloading with parents. Four letters of application had been received but PCC were concerned that these people had been approached directly and others had not been given the opportunity to apply. It was agreed that the vacancies would be advertised on the bulletin and discussed again at the January meeting.

11. School 150th Anniversary

The celebration will take place during the week before the summer fair. There will be a Victorian theme and school would be grateful for any information that church can provide.

12. Fire & Risk Assessment

Philip Brammeier apologised that this had not yet been completed.

13. Christmas Fair

John Higham advised that because the school had recently been carpeted throughout, the refreshments would now need to be accommodated in the hall and stalls normally in the hall relocated to the main body of the school. He requested help to set up the fair on Friday evening, especially from the men. Raffle prizes were coming in and Glenn Hutton asked all members to take 10 books of tickets to sell.

14. Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting was already set for Monday 25th January 2010 at 7:30pm in the annexe to receive the preliminary accounts.

15. Any Other Business

1. Church/school award granted by diocese which needs to have an official award ceremony when Joan returns.
2. PCC was informed that Family Service would be non-communion from February. Some members questioned the merits of this arrangement but were reminded that the matter had already been discussed in full and agreed at a previous meeting.

The meeting closed with prayer at 9:35 pm.

Carol Tither (secretary)

Signed:
Chairman

Date:.....