

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

Minutes of PCC Meeting held on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009

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

<b>EX-OFFICIO</b>		<b>ELECTED</b>		<b>TERM</b>	
*	Canon J Matthews	Rector	*	Mr I Greensmith	2010
*	Mr W Irving	Warden	*	Mrs S Brammeier	2010
A	Mr J Higham	Warden	A	Mrs K Saile	2010
A	Mr A Waterworth	Deputy Warden	A	Mrs A Hamnett	2010
*	Mrs D Matthews	Reader	*	Mrs A Roe	2010
*	Mrs A Myers	Reader	A	Mr G Boulton	2011
*	Mr P Brammeier	D S	A	Mr T Abram	2011
	Mr D Ashworth	D S	*	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

**1. Welcome and Prayers**

Reverend Matthews welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7:30 pm and led prayers.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from John Higham, Albert Waterworth, Kerry Saile, Amanda Hamnett, George Boulton and Tom Abram.

**3. Minutes of the PCC meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July needed to be amended to include an item in any other business about the mystery worshipper. Otherwise they were accepted as a true record of events. The secretary will amend before being signed by the chairman.

**4. Matters Arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

1. 5.4 Mark Webster reported that the new owners of the Kirkfield Hotel felt that the rental terms for the car park were too expensive.
2. 13.1 No quotes for garden yet.
3. 13.2 Fire risk assessment to be put on next agenda
4. 13.6 Shipoffools.com gives ideas for reflecting on how visitors can be made more welcome in churches.

**5. Correspondence**

1. Information had been received about the new Bishop of Warrington, The Venerable Richard Blackburn. Rev. Joan informed the meeting that she had tickets available for a service in the Cathedral on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October to mark the retirement of Bishop David.

**6. Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer gave the current balances as follows:

Current account: £7889 Deposit account: £27570 Other: £5000 B & F: £3111

There was an in depth discussion regarding options for using the money bequeathed to the church by Mr Crouchley. It was agreed that some of the money should be used by the Men's Group to create the Crouchley Memorial Garden, Sunday school would present an annual Crouchley Award and the rest used to launch a bid to extend the annexe space.

The fund raising committee would meet in September to discuss ways to raise funds for other projects i.e. carpet replacement, Sunday school notice board etc.

**7. Wardens' Report**

William Irving circulated a copy of activities that the wardens had been involved in.

1. He informed members that the Heating System had been serviced. William also requested that groups using the annexe storage cupboard needed to ensure that items were not placed on or around the boiler area.
2. He also reported another incident of vandalism where another attempt had been made to steal lead from the roof and the disappearance of the chain and padlock for the gate. Police had been informed. Insurance have agreed to pay in full because the lead had been treated with 'Smart Water'.

Rev. Joan thanked William for his report and for all the hard work the wardens do on behalf of the church.

**8. Next Meeting**

The date for the next meeting was already set for Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 7:30pm in the annexe. Reverend Joan will be on holiday so the lay chair will preside.

**9. Any Other Business**

1. Audrey Myers enquired if the proposed Pastoral Team had been established and was informed that no official team has been established yet. Reverend Joan and Reverend Val visit sick and bereaved that they are notified about and try to cover nursing homes etc. but that can sometimes prove difficult.
2. Margaret Bentley advised that Churches Together will be holding a Social & Hotpot evening on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October and tickets can be obtained from her.
3. It was agreed that the fund raising committee need to raise funds in advance before a carpet can be purchased.
4. Dorothy Matthews requested raffle prizes for the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September from 10-12 noon in the annexe.
5. Sharon distributed copies of the action plan for re-creditation of the Child Friendly Church Award. Many areas for development have been met but still more work is needed for youth groups. A mobile phone is now available for groups using the annexe/church. Carol Tither had produced a sample welcome pack which will hopefully solve a few issues. Sharon will send off the completed return for re-creditation. Reverend Joan thanked Sharon for her work in this area and to Alice and the rest of the team for the work done with young people in church.
6. There was a discussion about the parish magazine as Trevor didn't really want to continue with it. He was finding it difficult because the parish weren't contributing enough to it. It was suggested that a Team Magazine might bring more contributions but it was agreed that we needed to find someone with desktop publishing skills.
7. Carol Traverse and John Higham have agreed to organise the Christmas Fair this year. It will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets and prizes needed for raffle – promoter? Carol Tither agreed to promote the raffle in school if the headteacher is in agreement.
8. Reverend Joan asked PCC to consider whether it may be better if the Family Service did not have communion which would necessitate changing the 8am Holy Communion Service to the First Sunday of the month. This was agreed in principal if practically possible and that sufficient notice had been given. Carol Tither agreed to produce the All Age service booklet which would be needed from January.
9. Reverend Joan advised that wine at communion could soon be returning if no peak of Swine Flu is created once the children are back in school.

The meeting closed with prayer at 9:00 pm.

Carol Tither (secretary)

Signed: .....  
Chairman

Date:.....