

St. Margaret Clitherow's, Threshfield.

Minutes of Parish Meeting – Tuesday 21st January, 2014.

Present: Fr. Andrew, Clare Guest, Audrey Yates, Ann Davies, Raymond James, Margaret James, Helen Ellwood, Chris Ellwood, Ray Snape, Maureen Keep, Fiona Romano, Pauline Copeland, Maria Donizetti

Apologies: Peter Vetch, Cath Barclay, Vicky Fattorini, Joe Pope

Minutes: Minutes of last meeting were approved.

Election of Officers: Chair – Peter Vetch. Treasurer – Raymond James. Secretary – Cath Barclay.

Treasurer's report: Raymond informed the meeting that the balance in the bank on 1st January 2014 stood at £4286.09 while the “cash in hand” was £33.98. There are some bills to be paid this month for the service of the boiler and payment to Paulo for repairs to outside lighting.

Church maintenance: at the moment this just includes the boiler service and the outside lighting repairs.

Recent Activities:

- 40th Anniversary Celebration – everything went successfully to plan and many thanks to everyone who helped in any way.
- Dickensian Hospitality – this brought in revenue of £400.75. More discussion will be held later in the year to explore ideas for this year's event, as to whether more should be done to advertise the church being open for refreshments and parking.
- Christian Aid – people from St Margaret's also provided soup and supported the Christian Aid event in Grassington during the Dickensian weekends.
- Parish Meal – everyone enjoyed the evening at the Skipton Golf Club. Hopefully, there will be a repeat this year.

Future activities:-

- Coffee Morning – 1st February at Church House in Grassington. Fiona has organised helpers, people to bake and Ray Snape asked for contributions for the tombola and raffle. It would be helpful if tombola and raffle items could be left in church for Ray as soon as possible.
- Lenten Lunch – Clare will find out the date for this and arrange provision of soup, helpers, etc.
- Justice and Peace Meeting – change of date. This will now take place on 15th February, 2:00pm at St Margaret's.
- Visit to York – we still hope to visit the Shrine to St Margaret in York as part of our 40th Anniversary celebrations. We hope to do this some time in May when the weather is, hopefully, more clement and there are more hours of daylight. Pauline volunteered to research the possibilities for this and report back at the next meeting.
- Tour de France – a group of parishioners was asked by Fr Andrew to look at ways in which the churches could support this event. The suggestions are that as our primary school is working on this topic as a project in the summer term, the pupils and their families will be invited to take over the whole site of St Stephen's church and the School; a mass will be celebrated at St Margaret's in the late afternoon/early evening to serve the many visitors who will be staying in the area. The precise time for this will depend on

the timing of the reopening of the surrounding roads and, weather permitting, the mass may take place outside.

A.O.B.

- Fr Andrew – Reverb, the youth organisation for the area is now under the control of the Church of England. We have been marginally involved and Maria and Fr Andrew will continue to serve on the board. David Macha is the chair and the group will continue to maintain an ecumenical outreach perspective.
- Fr Andrew also asked if we would like to continue the practice of having house masses during Lent. Everyone was in favour of this so he will make the appropriate arrangements.
- Audrey Yates – the church key register has been compiled and 18 people have keys. There are also 3 at the presbytery making a total of 21.
- Chris Ellwood – regarding the “Work’s Outing” it was agreed that Chris should research The Devonshire Arms at Cracoe, The Gamekeepers and The Tennants and make arrangements for us to meet at the one he deemed to be the best to meet our needs, He will arrange an evening for us in Spring and in Autumn.
- Raymond James – Raymond asked if the painting had been sold which was to raise money for church funds. Fiona informed the meeting that the painting had been sold for £165 by means of a sealed bid. The cheque has been paid into St Stephen’s account so Fr Andrew will arrange for this to be transferred into St Margaret’s account asap.
- Fiona Romano – in Vicky’s absence Fiona is trying to make the necessary arrangements for the World Day of Prayer which is scheduled to take place at St Margaret’s on Friday 7th March. Fiona cannot attend herself but is happy to organise the event. She needs 5 readers, an assortment of props and she will have to contact the other churches who are involved. A planning meeting has been scheduled on Saturday, 1st February at 2:30 pm in church for any interested parties.
- Pauline Copeland – wanted to clarify that the Eucharistic Service on Saturday 1st February has definitely been cancelled because of our involvement in the coffee morning at Church House and this is, indeed, the case.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 18th March 2014 at 7.30p.m.

Mass will be celebrated at 7.00p.m.