

**St. Margaret Clitherow's, Threshfield.**

**Minutes of Parish Meeting – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2013.**

**Present:** Fr. Andrew, Peter Vetch, Peter Thompson, Cath Barclay, Pauline Copeland, Ray Snape, Fiona Romano, Audrey Yates, Raymond James, Margaret James, Maureen Keep

**Apologies:** Joe Pope, Ann Davies, Helen Ellwood, Chris Ellwood

**Minutes:** Minutes of last meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's report:** Raymond informed the meeting that the balance in the bank on 30th May 2013 stood at £4576.35 while the "cash in hand" was £193.47. Most of this cash has since been banked leaving £13.14 as cash. £876.00 has yet to be paid for the painting of the church. Future expenditure includes a possible replacement for the mower and undisclosed donation has been offered if a new mower is required.

**Church maintenance:**

- a) **Painting of fascia boards and guttering.** This has been completed and there is general satisfaction with the job that has been done.
- b) **Re-pointing of the piers at the four corners.** This will only be undertaken when Barrie feels able to start the work.

**Future activities:**

- a) **Grassington Festival Concert:** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June. 10 volunteers and 11 bakers have offered their services for this event. Raymond and Chris will man the car park.
- b) **Flower Festival:** Ann and Helen attended a preliminary meeting for this year's flower festival at St. Michael's, Linton. It will be held on the weekend of the 19<sup>th</sup> July and the theme is Stories from the Bible.
- c) **40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations:** The small sub-committee met recently to discuss the celebrations. It has been suggested that the church is kept open on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October, manned by volunteers, to encourage visitors. Every effort will be made to decorate the building for the occasion and a display on the life of St. Margaret has been proposed. It was suggested that some advertising of the event should take place and local churches will be asked to insert a notice in their September newsletters. The Craven Herald will also receive copy about the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October a shared lunch or "Jacob's Join" has been proposed which will take place after Mass. Fr. Andrew will invite local clergy to share this meal with us. Lists will be posted nearer the date to allow parishioners to contribute to this. Discussion took place on a possible visit to St. Margaret Clitherow's shrine in York in mid-September and Fr. Andrew suggested early evening or Saturday as a possibility. Parishioners' opinions on this will be canvassed before firm arrangements are made.

**A.O.B.**

**Fiona:** On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June, she will give more information about the Deanery picnic as it is currently felt that people are unsure about arrangements.

**Fr. Andrew:** He will contact Phil Fraser about the suggested celebration after the Confirmation Mass on 30<sup>th</sup> June.

**Fr. Andrew:** The weekend of the 13<sup>th</sup> October is the next "pulpit swap".

**Fr. Andrew:** He returned to the issue of the proposed sale of land. The Diocesan Property Office is not supportive of the sale since it might limit access to the site. The new owners of the house will need to explain their proposed use for the land before the Diocesan Trustees will consider the sale or rental of the piece of land.

**Audrey:** Audrey suggested that an audit of key holders was necessary and that any unused keys should be returned. It was suggested that a notice to this effect should be inserted in the bulletin.

**Fiona:** Fiona expressed concern at the presence of dogs at a recent Sunday Mass. She thought that it was both unacceptable and distracting. Fr. Andrew also expressed a reluctance to allow dogs in church. However, Peter Thompson stressed that he did not feel in a position to prevent a visitor from attending Mass when she felt unable to leave the dogs outside on a hot day. He provided a seat for them by the door to minimise disturbance. It was generally felt that this is a very rare occurrence.

**Peter:** The Buckden Singers' concert is on the 13<sup>th</sup> July. Margaret and Raymond offered to help with refreshments.

**Peter:** Peter commented that some readers were uncomfortable delivering the Greeting at the beginning of Mass. Pauline offered to canvass views before the publication of the next rota.

**Pauline:** Pauline again raised the problem of Eucharistic Ministers being impeded on their return to the altar after taking the chalice to the disabled members of the congregation. Fr. Andrew will discuss this with Fr. Pat.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2013, 7.30p.m.**

**Mass will be celebrated at 7.00p.m.**