

St. Margaret Clitherow's, Threshfield.

Minutes of Parish Meeting – Tuesday 5th July 2011

Present: Fr. Andrew and 12 parishioners

Apologies: Joe Pope, Vicky Fattorini

Minutes: Minutes of last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: Raymond informed the meeting that the balance in the bank of 30th June 2011 stood at £5479.64, while the "cash in hand" was £24.23. This sum did not include the payment for use of the church during the Grassington Festival which is to be invoiced. A cheque for £250-£260 is anticipated. There was no major expenditure to report.

Church maintenance:

- a) Roof: There has been no further progress at present. Fr. Andrew has emailed the surveyor requesting a meeting.

Recent Activities:

- a) **"Works' outing"** – was a successful event and thanks were offered to Chris for organising it.
- b) **Fr. Pat's Jubilee** – Fr. Andrew thanked the parish for their work. The meeting acknowledged the invaluable help of St. Stephen's parishioners.
- c) **Liturgy group** – has had 2 meetings. Music has been chosen for masses up to Feast of Christ the King. New members have joined the music group. Singing practice has gone well and the next is on Thursday 14th July at 7.30p.m. Maria asked whether input on Sunday's readings could be included at these meetings and Fr. Andrew expressed willingness to do this input at a later date.

Future activities:

- a) **Flower festival 2012** – St. Margaret's is to host this event. Parish is to decide on theme and dates.
- b) **Churches Together** – 7.30p.m. 13th July. The Gargrave Praise band will lead "Prayer and Praise" in the Schoolroom in Buckden.
- c) **Buckden Singers' Concert** – 23rd July at St. Margaret's. Raymond and Margaret will co-ordinate refreshments.

A.O.B.

Fr Andrew asked whether any clarification was required about Finance Statement. The group felt none was needed.

Fr. Andrew has ascertained that St. Margaret's is licensed for weddings though there is no designated registrar. There have been 2 enquiries about weddings in 2012.

Fr. Andrew has been invited to the Service of Welcome for the new Methodist minister on Sept 1st but has a prior engagement. Maureen Fraser offered to attend as parish representative.

Maria has arranged a Day of reflection at Parcevel Hall on Dec 13th. Fr. Andrew will lead the session.

Audrey asked about CRB arrangements for proposed new Eucharistic Ministers. Fr. Andrew said that this is in hand.

Margaret announced that she and Audrey have "retired" from the Hospitality Committee. Fiona Romano and Clare have offered to take their place. The meeting thanked Margaret and Audrey for their work.

Next meeting: Thursday, 8th September, 7.30p.m.