

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

**Minutes of Parish Meeting – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.**

**Present:** Fr. Andrew, Peter Vetch, Peter Thompson, Clare Guest, Pauline Copeland, Cath Barclay, Audrey Yates, Ann Davies, Raymond James, Margaret James, Ray Snape, Maureen Keep

**Apologies:** Vicky Fattorini, Chris Ellwood, Helen Ellwood, Fiona Romano, Maria Donizetti

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

**Treasurer's report:** Raymond informed the meeting that the balance in the bank on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2014 stood at £5313.09 while the "cash in hand" was £34.60. Major expenditure of £1680.00 plus VAT is expected as James Harker has already temporarily repaired the flat roof, but is to replace it fully in the near future.

**Church maintenance:**

- a) **Repair of flat roof:** See above
- b) **Re-painting of toilet area:** On completion of the roof, David Hobson has offered to re-paint the toilet area. He will provide free labour, if church provides the materials.

**Recent Activities:**

- a) **Church House Coffee Morning:** The event was successful, raising £475.94 after expenses. Thanks to all involved.
- b) **Women's World Day of Prayer:** Audrey reported that the event had been successful and well attended.

**Future activities:**

- a) **Lenten Lunch:** Clare reported that everything was in hand for the March 19<sup>th</sup> Lenten Lunch for Christian Aid. £185.00 had already been collected in a bucket collection at Morrisons'.
- b) **York:** Cath and Pauline explained that arrangements had been provisionally arranged for May 15<sup>th</sup> following consultation with Fr. Andrew and Fr. Richard in York. Fr. Richard had advised against a Saturday visit suggesting that the city would be very congested and a weekday would be a better choice. Fr. Andrew had been given a selection of dates in May and the one chosen was the only date available to him. The meeting was supportive of the arrangements that had been made.
- c) **Grassington Festival Concert:** Fr. Andrew has received a request from the Festival Organisers that the church be prepared to reduce its fee to enable the Festival to cover its costs and break even for the event. They hoped to use the venue at no extra cost and only reimburse the church for the afternoon tea and refreshment. Raymond added that a payment of £262.00 had been received in October (£50 for hire of church and 53 teas at £4.00 per head). He commented that ticket sales have declined steadily in recent years for this concert. It was generally felt that the concert required a lot of commitment and work on the part of parishioners. Because the meeting felt it to be important that support was given to the Grassington Festival, Fr. Andrew will suggest a charge of £200.00 inclusive of teas with a proviso that £2.00 per head is added for every extra ticket over 50 sold. The suggested date is 14<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 3.00p.m.

**A.O.B.**

**Fr. Andrew:** Fr. Andrew told the meeting that Graham Selby, the new owner of 1 Peace Croft, had agreed a lease for occupancy with the Diocesan Trustees at £100.0 p.a. which gives him use of the land as a garden with

responsibility for the boundary wall. When he sells the house, he is to return the land to its original condition or the new owner will be able to re-negotiate the lease.

**Vicky:** Though absent, Vicky sent a request via email for the use of the Church Car Park, toilet and refreshment facilities on two consecutive Mondays: 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> April, as she is arranging an activity for the W.I. A donation will be made to the church. The meeting was happy to agree to her request.

**Peter:** The Buckden Singers' concert is at St. Margaret's on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Arrangements as usual.

**Fr. Andrew:** Reverb has appointed a new Youth Worker who will work longer hours than before and will also work with Upper Wharfedale School. Accommodation has been provided for them. Reverb is now an Anglican project with Ecumenical support. Fr. Andrew will continue as Vice-Chair.

Fr. Andrew is also liaising with Peter and Vicky Fattorini with regard to arrangements for the Tour de France weekend. It is currently proposed to celebrate Mass on Saturday evening at St. Margaret's to accommodate those visiting the area. Roads are expected to open 2 hours after the race passes through Threshfield.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2014, 7.30p.m.**

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