

St. Margaret Clitherow's, Threshfield.

Minutes of Parish Meeting – Tuesday 10th May 2011

Present: Fr. Andrew and 14 parishioners

Apologies: Ann Davies, Anne Vetch

Minutes: Minutes of last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: Raymond informed the meeting that the balance in the bank of 30th April 2011 stood at £5340.19, while the "cash in hand" was £133.33 (of that £107.00 from the Table Top Sale has now been banked). He reported that the total sum from the Table Top sales from Jan – April is £172.50. There is still an outstanding bill for servicing the strimmer.

Church maintenance:

- a) Mower: The mower has now been serviced and is in perfect working order.
- b) Roof: Raymond explained that the parish is still waiting for a survey on the roof. Fr. Andrew is still waiting to receive a copy of the survey template recommended by the diocese. It is hoped that the roof repairs can be carried out during the summer.

Recent Activities:

- a) **Fr. Andrew's Induction Ceremony** – a successful event, appreciated by all who attended.
- b) **Station Masses** – were successful and may be repeated.
- c) **Easter flowers** – Thanks were offered to Anne Sugden for organising and arranging the Easter flowers.

Future activities:

- a) **Grassington Festival** performance at Church on 18th June. Volunteers will be required for refreshments and 2 volunteers to organise car parking.
- b) **Buckden Singers' Concert:** 23rd July – same arrangements as last year.
- c) **"Works' outing"** – Chris proposed Wednesday, 22nd June at Tennants Arms – small price increase to £14.85
- d) **Fr Pat's 40th Jubilee** – Fr Andrew suggested that a celebration could be arranged after the 10.30am Mass on 19th June. St. Stephen's parishioners are willing to help with refreshments.

Music for the Liturgy: Anne Vetch suggested that a group should be formed to look at future music arrangements so that music and liturgy have greater coherence. Fr. Andrew supported the formation of a music and liturgy group especially since the new mass translation will have an impact on the use of music in liturgy. He suggested that planning for Bidding Prayers could also be part of the remit of this group which could meet approx 4 times per year.

Parish Census: Peter has received 54 responses and a further 26 names of known parishioners have been added.

Website: the new website is now "live" at www.stmargaretclytherow.org.uk Fr. Andrew thanked Peter for his work on this.

A.O.B.

Maria informed the meeting that the Youth Group, "Reverb", was under threat because of financial restraints. She asked Fr. Andrew whether he could source any contributions – he suggested contacting the Jesuits who have links with the area. Anne Sugden suggested that the parish could show support by organising occasional fundraising activities.

Helen asked about the possibility of arranging a Day of Reflection. Maria will look into this. Fr. Andrew offered himself as speaker.

Clive reported that prices for solar panels were prohibitive and said that the firm suggested that roof lagging could also make a difference.

Anne Sugden suggested that Mass times should be displayed in the Information Centres and also the Hub.

Raymond has received a cheque for £50 from Helping Hands as a donation for the use of the church.

Fr. Andrew informed the meeting that there is a Day of Reflection for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers on 25th June. He added that there would be a celebration for his Silver Jubilee on 7th September at St. Stephen's.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 5th July, 2011 - 7.30p.m.