

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

### **Minutes of the Parish AGM held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup>.January 2011**

Chairman Peter Vetch welcomed our new Parish Priest Monsignor Andrew Summersgill to the meeting

**Present** Father Andrew and 12 parishioners

**Apologies** Maureen Fraser, Cath. Barclay and Paolo Donizetti

**Minutes** of the last meeting were approved

**Election of officers** Re-elected were Peter Vetch (chairman) and Raymond James (treasurer) Ann Davies announced her resignation from the office of secretary; Cath.Barclay has agreed to take over her duties The meeting g expressed their thanks to Ann

**Treasurers report** Raymond distributed a detailed summery of accounts for the year 2010. The balance at the bank as on 31/12/10 was £5265.66. He drew particular attention to the monies raised in 2010 from:- Coffee morning £423.58 Grassington Festival Concert £290 Buckden Singers £270 Players on the Road £60 and Table-top sales £503.26. Profit balance over the year £691.01

Raymond informed the meeting that during 2011 some major expenditure would be required to repair the leaking roof and to repair or replace the 'aged' lawn mower (Maria suggested it might be better to employ the services of a professional gardener). To be discussed at next meeting. The meeting expressed their thanks to Raymond for all his hard work

**Church maintenance** Ref.Church roof. A lead specialist from Hebden has seen the roof and will investigate further when the weather improves. The stained glass windows are also causing some concern. Father Andrew offered to contact the Diocesan surveyor with a view to a survey of the Church and the possibility of obtaining any grants available,

**Church carpet** Preliminary choice of patterns have been made, now awaiting delivery of larger samples

**Church cleaning** Audrey reported four more parishioners have volunteered to join the rota

**Folding table's** four tables have now been obtained, thanks to Raymond. The old card tables are no longer required. Clive agreed to see if Threshfield Institute would find them useful. Vicky suggested trying a web-site "freecycle", it would also be an opportunity to offload the spare cushions

**Recent activities** Parish dinner held last November. Another enjoyable evening, thanks to Chris.

**Annual Carol Service** a special thanks to Anne Sugden, Edwin Page and Barrie Wilkinson for organising a most enjoyable event. The sum of £243 was raise for Martin House

**Future activities** Coffee morning at Church House Grassington on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>.February. Help required, also donations for cake stall, raffle prizes and tombola

**Any other business**

**Father Andrew** informed the meeting that a "Ceremony of Induction" of the new Parish Priest will take place within the next few weeks, at St.Stephens and that Father Pat. would continue to come to St.Margaret's He thought it would be a good idea to up-date the list of parishioners who attended St.Margaret's.Peter agreed to contact Barrie Wilkinson

Father Andrew asked the meeting to consider the idea of him saying Mass at different houses during Lent. The meeting thought it a good idea and would ask the parishioners if they would like to offer their homes for this special privilege

He also asked if he should request that St.Margaret's should be licensed for marriages. The meeting decided that it was a low priority at this time

**Clive Midgley** suggested solar panels might be considered useful in providing background heating for the church. He agreed to investigate further.

**Peter Vetch** informed the meeting that "Churches Together" would not be holding their united service this year, but the ministers of the various churches would "swop" pulpits! Rev Peter Yorkstone from Kettlewell would preach at Mass on 23<sup>rd</sup>.January.

**Date of next meeting Monday 28<sup>th</sup>.February 2011 at 7.30pm.**