

St Margaret Clitherow Parish Meeting – Tuesday 7th October 2014

- Present:** Ray James, Margaret James, Chris Elwood, Peter Vetch, Audrey Yates, Fr. Andrew, Fiona Romano, Ann Davies, Helen Elwood, Ray Snape, Victoria Fattorini,
- Apologies:** Cath Barclay, Joe Pope, Pauline Copeland, Maureen Fraser, Maria Donizetti
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the last meeting were approved.
- Treasure's report:** The balance on 30/09/14 at the bank stood at £3861.14; cash on hand was £131.55. An invoice is expected for repairs to a tap.
- Church Maintenance:** Ray J will obtain a quote for repainting of the wall area above the altar including the relief sculpture, which has been damaged through water ingress.
- Recent Activities**
- The Buckden Singers Concert and the Broughton Hall event were both much enjoyed.
- Future Activities:**
- It was agreed that St Margaret's would apply to have a tree at the Festival Christmas Tree at the Congregational Church, which is part of the Dickensian celebrations. Peter V will provide a smallish tree. Fr Andrew will ask parishioners to bring a tree decoration of some sort to Mass on 23rd November
 - Carol Service this year will on December 7th 2014. Barrie has retired from his much appreciated role supporting Edwin in the organisation of the Carol Service and this year Buckden Singers will participate, rather than the children from the school. As the Carol, Service will be held early this year, the music will have an advent theme. Otherwise the arrangements will be as before.
 - Justice & Peace Advent Campaign. This year's theme is "Refugees". To emphasise the theme, The Justice & Peace group are planning a sponsored walk from St Stephen's to St Margaret's on 7th December, with the arrival to coincide with the Carol Service such that the walkers may join the celebration. It is also proposed that parishioners should consider attending Mass at one of the other churches within the parish during advent.
 - Works Outing – is on 4th November after Mass. Places are going fast with only 4 spaces left. Bookings can be made with Peter T during Chris's absence. Price is £13.25 which does not include coffee which can be ordered (and paid for!) separately.
 - Parcevall Hall Quiet Day. Maria is organising a quiet day. Date to be advised.
 - Coffee Morning – date for the diary. This year the St Margaret's Coffee morning will be on 31st January.
 - Flower arranging demonstration: There will be a flower arranging demo on Fri 5 Dec at St Stephens. Light refreshments including wine & cheese, tea/coffee mince pies will be served. More details and tickets will follow.
 - Basic First Aid Course: Jo Russell will give a basic first aid course at St Margaret's on Thursday 23 October at 7pm. Fiona will have a list to sign up , covering Burns, Bleeds, Strokes, Heart Attacks, Choking, Asthma, Allergic reactions and Fainting.

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Any other business:

- The question of dogs at Mass was discussed. It was agreed that it was inappropriate for dogs (other than guide dogs) to be inside the church during Mass. A sign is to be purchased welcoming dog – owners but asking them to leave their dogs tethered up outside during the service. A mooring point is to be installed round the side. Peter V to arrange both sign and mooring point.
- Ray S offered to give one of his talks at church one evening to raise funds for the Advent Campaign. Peter V to discuss with Ray
- Peter V is to obtain and install a Disabled Parking sign to replace the one which was damaged recently.
- Chris raised the design flaw with the kneelers, which stops many of them being raised to allow easier access to and from the pews. Ray J will consult with John Rymer to establish whether they can be modified to resolve this problem.
- Fr Andrew advised that his meeting with the Threshfield Court Entertainments Manager regarding chaplaincy had been cancelled and was to be re-arranged.
- Fr Andrew advised that there was not to be a Pulpit swap this year and the alternative suggestion of a congregation swap was not to be adopted either. There may be bi-lateral pulpit swap arrangements made between individual churches.
- It was agreed that the parish would give Joe Fraser a cheque to buy books for his course, in recognition of his years as a server.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th January 2015 at 7.30 p.m. at Church (preceded by Mass at 7.00 p.m.)