

St Margaret Clitherow Parish Meeting – Thursday 8th September 2011

- Present:** Ray James, Margaret James, Joe Pope, Maureen Fraser, Chris Elwood, Peter Thompson, Peter Vetch, Audrey Yates, Fr. Andrew, Fiona Romano,
- Apologies:** Ann Davies, Helen Elwood, Maria Donizetti, Maureen Keep, Cath Barclay
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the last meeting were approved.
- Treasurer's report:** On 31st August balance at bank stood at £6022.84; cash on hand was £61.15.
- Church Maintenance:** Mike Overton Partners still awaiting manual from Diocesan Property Office to enable them to undertake the survey. Fr Andrew to follow up. It was agreed that the short term priority was the roof problem; Fr. Andrew will ask the Property Office to review proposals which Ray has received. Ray to provide Fr. Andrew with copies of correspondence.
- Recent Activities**
- Fr. Andrew's 25th Anniversary Mass and celebration was a great success, and much enjoyed by all. Fr. Andrew expressed his thanks to all those who had helped or supported the occasion.
 - The Buckden Singers Concert was also very successful with a full house of more than 90. The concert raised £275 for church funds.
- Future Activities:**
- The St Stephen's Justice & Peace Group will hold their next meeting at St Margaret's at 2.30 p.m. Saturday 1st October. It is hoped to extend the involvement to include St Margaret's. The group's activities are mainly in support of Cafod although this is not the only remit. St Margaret's parishioners are encouraged to attend.
 - The Carol Service will be held in early December. Peter Vetch to confirm date (assumed to be 11th December) and other details with Edwin. It was agreed that the format last year was very successful, and people would like to see it repeated. It was suggested that mulled wine might be offered in addition to tea
 - The Quiet Day is to be held at Parcevall Hall on 13th December. Those wishing to attend should contact Maria.
- Any other business:**
- Works Outing: following a change of management at the Tennant's Arms they are no longer doing a carvery. Chris has identified the Old Hall as an acceptable replacement. The next works outing will be held on Tuesday 8th November @7.30 p.m. The price will be £12.50 for a 4 meat carvery, sweet and coffee/tea. Vegetarian options will be available. Maximum of 40 places so people should book early to avoid disappointment. Chris will announce after Mass on Sunday.
 - Weekday Mass: Fr. Andrew offered to celebrate Mass at St Margaret's during the week once a month. It was agreed that this was a good idea, and that it should be on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.00 p.m. This will start in November. The first dates are therefore as follows:
 - Tuesday 8th November – to precede the Works Outing

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- Tuesday 10th January (to be followed by parish meeting)
- Tuesday 14th February

There will not be an evening mass on Tuesday 13th December as this is the Quiet Day and there will Mass at Parcevall Hall as part of this.

- Christmas Services were discussed. It was confirmed that these would be as in previous years, i.e. - there will be a Vigil Mass at 8.00 p.m. and Mass on Christmas Morning at 10.30 a.m.
- Grassington Hub: A communication has been received from the Hub inviting involvement in an event to publicise local groups and activities. Anne Vetch to contact CTiUW to establish whether they are making a consolidated input or whether each church is making its own submission. Fr. Andrew will then respond to the Hub.
- Cleaning: Audrey was planning to raise Church cleaning but given that few of the cleaning team were present, she will contact them individually.
- Music Group: Peter Thompson expressed concern that on busy Sundays – e.g.: Easter, there would be space constraints given that, as a consequence of the increased numbers, the music group now sang from the back of church. A number of possibilities were discussed. Peter Vetch to discuss options with Anne.

Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th January 2011 at 7.30 p.m. at the Church (preceded by Mass at 7.00 p.m.)