

St Margaret Clitherow Parish Meeting

Tuesday, 7th November 2017.

Present – Fr. Andrew, P. Vetch, M. James, B. Thompson, P. Thompson, C. Barclay, F. Romano, P. Donizetti

Apologies – H. Ellwood, C. Ellwood, P. Copeland, R. James, V. Fattorini, M Donizetti

Minutes from last meeting – passed as correct.

Treasurer's Report – Total in account: £4433.99 with £144.91 cash in hand. A bill for the repair of the roof - £516.00 – has been paid. Additional outgoings include £80.00 for the window cleaning as well a a sum to be set aside for a Christmas gift for Edwin.

The Buckden Singers' Summer Concert generated a £220.00 donation to the Church – for which thanks.

Maintenance -

- **Sound system** – The sound maintenance firm employed by St. Stephen's has quoted a sum of £745.00 which covers: replacement of current microphone with a better model and a new lapel mic for Fr. Andrew; extending the loudspeaker system into the back room with a switchable speaker for events when the congregation needs to use that area. A CD player was mooted as a resource for occasions when live accompaniment for music is unavailable and an addition quote of £205.00 was made for this. CB offered a Bose player which will be checked for suitability for purpose. The meeting agreed to go ahead with improvements to the sound system.
- **Kneelers and pews** – A bequest has been made to the Church for the replacement of the plastic seat cushions with a better product. Templates have already been made for the benches and samples of materials were inspected. A decision was made to order a medium strength padding and a best quality fabric. It was felt that it was possible the the sum bequeathed could also cover the cost of hassocks. PV will oversee the pricing of the job. Fr. Andrew suggested that permission might be required for the removal of kneelers which could take a number of months. Health and safety was also an issue to be considered.

Other issues not relating to maintenance –

- **Music** – PV re-introduced the topic of music choice which had been raised in the previous meeting. He explained that, while Anne chose music for all the Masses, Edwin sometimes changed them thinking that the congregation's repertoire needed expansion. Anne questions whether it is worth continuing the current system. Fr. Andrew suggested that Edwin chooses hymns and submits them to Anne for final selection. When Fr. A receives Anne's final list, he will sign it off and instruct that it is adhered to.

Recent Events:

- **Buckden Singers' 10th Anniversary Concert** – This was successful and there had been more tickets sold than in recent years.

Future events-

Carol service – 10th December, the programme has been agreed. The event has been included again in the Dickensian programme.

Coffee morning – Saturday 10th February 2018. It was suggested that the event be flagged up as soon as possible.

AoB:

AD requested more volunteers for flowers, cleaning and washing altar linen.

AD clarified procedures for Health and Safety. A counter foil is to be completed for any incident and a note made of anything used from the first aid kit so it can be replenished. Fr. A. added that an official notice is to be issued regarding placement of first aid and procedures.

PC suggested that a team of volunteers should be set up to provide cover for the sacristy.

Fr.A remarked that the 5.00pm mass as a Vigil for Holydays seemed to work well and suggested keeping that timing. He discussed Mass arrangements for Christmas and favoured retaining the usual timings even though Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday.

He also informed the meeting that the new youth worker for REVERB -Ed- hoped to be more active in Upper Wharfedale School as a chaplain. He has a group of 10-12 interested students and asked whether he could use SMC one evening a week for meetings. UWS would charge for use of premises. It was felt that it would be beneficial to extend the use of the church in this way.

PV gave notice that next summer's Buckden Singers Concerts would be later than usual – during the weekend 27th/28th July 2018.

Fr. A suggested that as a trial, during the winter months, the parish meeting could be scheduled after Sunday mass between 12.00 -1.00pm.

Next Meeting – Sunday, 14th January 2018 12.00pm – 12.45pm