

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

**Minutes of Parish Meeting – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.**

**Present:** Fr. Andrew, Peter Vetch, Peter Thompson, Clare Guest, Vicky Fattorini, Cath Barclay, Audrey Yates, Ann Davies, Raymond James, Margaret James, Helen Ellwood, Chris Ellwood, Ray Snape, Maureen Keep

**Apologies:** Joe Pope, Maria Donizetti, Pauline Copeland, Fiona Romano

**Minutes:** Minutes of last meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's report:** Raymond informed the meeting that the balance in the bank on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 stood at £4418.85 while the "cash in hand" was £219.37. On 2<sup>nd</sup> April, £207.50 of this sum was transferred to the bank. The next major expenditure will be the cost of the church painting.

**Church maintenance:**

- a) **Painting of fascia boards and guttering.** This is to be undertaken when the weather improves. Raymond will arrange for the window cleaner to clear the gutters prior to painting.
- b) **Re-pointing of the piers at the four corners.** Barry Wilkinson will oversee this work, assisted by Clive Midgley and Tom Clancy, but work will only commence when Barry is fully recovered from knee surgery.
- c) **Front Door:** Audrey suggested that the door might require some minor adjustment.

**Recent Activities:**

**Church House Christian Aid Lenten Lunch:** This was a successful event. Thanks to all involved.

**Future activities:**

- a) **Grassington Festival Concert:** Fr. Andrew confirmed that the prices quoted at the last meeting had been accepted by the Festival. It was emphasised by a number of people that more volunteers were required on the 15<sup>th</sup> June to help with the event, especially the refreshments. It was suggested that people were asked to volunteer as soon as possible to avoid pressure nearer to the date. Vicky remarked that the Festival itself might be able to provide additional help and Fr. Andrew added that it was possible that young people preparing for Confirmation could also assist.
- b) **Flower Festival:** It was decided to flag this event up early. This year's event is at St. Michael's, Linton in July and volunteers will be needed to help with St. Margaret's contribution.
- c) **40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations:** Nothing as yet to report as the meeting arranged was cancelled because of the bad weather. Another meeting will be arranged within the next week to draw up possible suggestions for the celebration.
- d) **Confirmation:** At the last meeting Fr. Andrew suggested that a parish barbeque could take place after the confirmation on 30<sup>th</sup> June. He will suggest this to Marty's family.

**A.O.B.**

**Vicky:** Peter Merrill has made a model of the stand for the Baptismal bowl. He has produced a style in keeping with the architecture of the church. Vicky suggested that the stand should be dedicated to Fr. Peter who was the first to use the bowl. Cath added that the proposed new holy water font will be made in a design to match the bowl.

**Vicky:** Vicky had noted the concern raised in the last meeting about proposed parking for the Dickensian weekends and the potential resulting damage to the grassed areas. She suggested that the church investigated the viability of the green mesh used by the National Park. She offered to approach Bentley's about this.

**Fr. Andrew:** Fr. Andrew informed the meeting that the prospective buyers of the house at the entrance to the church car park would like to purchase the small piece of land adjacent to it, which belongs to the church. The land would need to be valued, but he is prepared to approach the Diocesan Trustees about the sale. Vicky questioned whether some restrictions could be placed on the sale to ensure that views of the church were not affected.

**Fr. Andrew:** Fr. Pat has commented on the small numbers at St. Margaret's on Holy Thursday and Good Friday this year. Fr. Andrew is prepared to consider future changes to minimise the necessity of Fr. Pat travelling to small congregations.

**Peter:** Peter informed the meeting that from the first Sunday in June, Edwin will provide the music in weeks 1, 4 and 5 while the music group will play in weeks 2 and 3.

Peter also commented that the Reverb representative did not speak at the appointed Mass and this would have to be re-arranged.

He also reminded Fr. Andrew about the proposal for a short statement which would welcome people, announce details of the mass and the celebrant and invite the congregation to stay for coffee after Mass.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2013, 7.30p.m.**

**Mass will be celebrated at 7.00p.m.**