

St Margaret Clitherow Parish Meeting

Tuesday, 12th April, 2016.

Present – Fr. Andrew, P. Vetch, P. Copeland, M. James, R. James, M. Keep, B. Thompson, A. Davies, C. Barclay, F. Romano, H. Ellwood, C. Ellwood, A. Sugden, R. Snape

Apologies – V. Fattorini, M. Donizetti, P. Thompson

Minutes from last meeting – passed as correct.

Treasurer's Report – bank balance on 31-01-16 was £4250.37 and cash in hand £182.98. On 1-4-16 an additional £100.00 was banked.

Maintenance –

- Sign – The new sign is now installed and was approved.
- Discussion and information on other out-standing maintenance concerns was held over until the next meeting.
- Roof – The leaks in the roof are caused by the same problems that have occurred earlier. R.J. has discussed the issue with the contractor who has dealt with earlier issues. The approximate cost of repairs is £2000.00 as before. The meeting agreed that it was necessary for the work to be undertaken as soon as possible.
- Parking/garden – After discussion, it was agreed that the fenced area of the garden should be extended to prevent parking in areas likely to become waterlogged. P.V. agreed to approach Barrie Wilkinson about this. Additional discussion ensued about continued garden maintenance as it is felt that the current system of willing volunteers is now becoming untenable. Fr. Andrew said that he has agreed that G.P. Donizetti will take over the maintenance and that he will arrange for appropriate payment to be made.

Since the meeting, Fr. Andrew has agreed with GP that the grass will be cut fortnightly during the season and the hedges will be cut back twice a year. Fr. Andrew will arrange a bank transfer from the main parish account to pay for this.

Recent Activities –

- Coffee morning – was successful and raised £530. Thanks to all concerned.
- Lenten Lunch – raised £204.00 for Christian Aid. Thanks to all involved.
- Readers' and Eucharistic Ministers' Meeting – Feedback. Some participants felt that it had required more discussion than reflection and expressed disappointment about this. Fr. Andrew felt that the discussion/business element was necessary, but hoped that there would be other opportunities offered for reflection.

Future activities –

- Benediction and Afternoon Tea on May 11th – Janet Sheehan has asked for a member of SMC congregation to co-ordinate invitations and arrangements. H.E. volunteered to act as the point of contact and B.T. offered to assist.

- Grassington Festival – There are no arrangements for an event at SMC this year. The proposal made by V.F. for a flower based celebration has been rejected for this year, but has not been ruled out for the future.
- Buckden Singers' Concert – July 16th with arrangements as per previous years.
- Faith and Chips – It was agreed that the format should be repeated in the Autumn.

AoB –

- B.T. raised the question of the proposed plaque in memory of Fr. Peter. It was agreed that it should go ahead. Some discussion followed concerning appropriate wording. P.V. will explore this further.
- Fr. Andrew informed the meeting that this year's Dickensian Festival will take place on 3-4th December and 10-11th December in a new departure from previous events. It was noted that SMC Carol Service is scheduled for 11th December. Further discussion will take place next meeting.
- Fr. Andrew informed the meeting that St. Joseph's Primary, Barnoldswick has asked permission to use St. Margaret's Church for its staff inservice at the beginning of the September term. It was agreed that this is a positive use of the building.

Next Meeting – A.G.M. Tuesday, 12th July, following Mass at 7pm.