

## **St Margaret Clitherow Parish Meeting**

**Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.**

**Present** – Fr. Andrew, P. Vetch, P. Copeland, C. Guest, R. James, M. James, M. Keep, B. Thompson, P. Thompson, A. Davies, C. Barclay, C. Parkinson, B. Wilkinson

**Apologies** – H. Ellwood, C. Ellwood, R. James, F. Romano, V.Fattorini, M.Donizetti

**Minutes from last meeting** – passed as correct.

**Treasurer's Report** – bank balance on 31-08-16 was £2302.79 and cash in hand £550.33 which included £173.00 from the Buckden Singers' Concert, £89.00 from the Table Top sale and £100.00 donation for the roof appeal. A further £2104.30 has now been banked which includes £550.00 from the roof appeal and an anonymous cheque for £750.00 – also for the roof, giving a total in the bank of £4407.09. There are no outstanding bills.

### **Maintenance –**

- Parking/garden – G.P has now addressed issues raised re. gardening at the last meeting, but will need a reminder about the shrub which is to be planted in Fr. Peter's memory. PV has purchased the plaque.  
BW can start the work of excavating and gravelling the waterlogged area at any convenient time. He pointed out that the main cost incurred will be for the gravel and the bucket excavator. Labour would be provided on a voluntary basis.  
A short discussion followed exploring the rationale of outsourcing various maintenance jobs for the church, and the general agreement of the group was that since the church has an ageing population and a decreasing number of able bodied volunteers there was sadly little alternative open to us but to employ professional help.

### **Recent Activities –**

- Buckden Singers' Summer Concert – although audience numbers decreased, the income generated was similar and the donation to the Church was gratefully received.

### **Future activities**

- Justice and Peace Meeting on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September at St. Stephen's. The theme informs October's Year of Mercy topic which is prisons and prisoners' welfare and the visiting speakers have experience of volunteering in a Category C prison.
- Faith and Chips – It was felt that, given shortage of time, it would be more appropriate to re-schedule the Faith and Chips format later in the year – perhaps after Easter. It was suggested that Lent could be an opportunity for an additional spiritual input.
- Parcevall Hall: Maria has organised a Day of Recollection on the Eucharist on November 24<sup>th</sup> with a maximum number of 24 participants. Further details in newsletter.
- Carol Service: Buckden Singers' will lead the congregation on 11<sup>th</sup> December. The Carol Service will be highlighted in the Dickensian weekend's programme.
- As a point of information, this year Edwin will be able to play the organ on Christmas morning.

**AoB:**

- Fr. Andrew informed the meeting that a dog will be present at Mass on 25<sup>th</sup> September. It is being trained as a Hearing Assistance Dog.
- Fr. Andrew updated the meeting about REVERB. Rosanna, the current worker, is leaving and a replacement is to be recruited ASAP. He commented that he felt that the new worker needed to engage more with the Catholic community. REVERB is to make more links with the church in Kettlewell and Upper Wharfedale as well as Scargill House and the new youth venture at Netherside Hall.
- CB thanked BW for treating the statues with oil as highlighted at the last meeting.
- Fr. Andrew commented that a whiteboard or calendar of events, as mentioned at the last meeting, could be of benefit. CB will undertake the provision of this.
- PV informed the meeting that the Church building would be in use on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September for a meeting to discuss the Federated Schools of Kettlewell, Grassington, Cracoe and Burnsall.
- CP asked about the possibility of the Church being opened during the week. A summary was given of previous discussion on this issue and it was agreed that we should explore the possibility of using a keysafe for parishioners.

**Next Meeting – Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017, following Mass at 7pm.**

***(It was added that because of the lateness of the next meeting, the date of the Church House Coffee Morning should be advertised as soon as possible to allow for suitable arrangements to be made.)***