

St. Margaret Clitherow's, Threshfield.

Minutes of Parish Meeting – Tuesday 15th July, 2014.

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

Apologies: Pauline Copeland, Fiona Romano, Maria Donizetti, Maureen Fraser

Minutes: Minutes of last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: Raymond informed the meeting that the balance in the bank on 30th June 2014 stood at £3330.14 while the "cash in hand" was £140.59. Since the last meeting, a sum £2142.00 has been spent on repairs to the roof and there have been other minor outlays for small jobs. The men's toilets have been re-painted following the roof repairs and David Hobson provided materials and labour free of charge. The meeting thanked him for this work. The Grassington Festival Committee has been invoiced to £200.00.

Fr. Andrew gave a brief overview of the Parish Financial statement. He explained that the deficit is improving and Gift Aid contributions have increased. The parish accounts do not include St. Margaret's accounting. The Tempest Trust pays the bills for Broughton Chapel and some small funds in St. Stephen's remain separate from the main finances. Next year's budget has been based on this year's figures.

Church maintenance: No outstanding work at present.

Recent Activities:

- a) **Grassington Festival Concert:** The event was successful and received good reviews. 46 tickets were sold and an invoice has been presented for £200.00. Refreshments were generous and plentiful. Thanks to all involved.
- b) **Tour de France Mass:** The visitors who attended the Mass were appreciative and the display aroused both interest and appreciation. "The Tablet" featured an article about the display and its subject matter. Thanks to Peter and Vicky for their organisation.
- c) **Buckden Singers:** The concert was very successful. A donation will be made to the church at a later date.
- d) **Flower Festival:** Thanks to Ann, Helen and Pam for their continued work in provided representation for St. Margaret's at this annual event.

Future activities:

- a) **Parceval Hall:** Helen suggested that a quiet day at Parceval Hall would be appreciated. Fr. Andrew answered that he thought that Maria had already begun to put plans in place for a day later in the year.
- b) **Works' Outing:** Chris raised the question of the Autumn Works' Outing. A tentative date was set for November 4th at the Clarendon in Hebdon.

Kilnsey Show: Fr. Andrew has been asked whether St. Margaret's parishioners would be willing to set up and organise the local churches' hospitality tent at the Kilnsey Show on 26th August. The meeting felt that it would not be possible, although support was offered for a proposed hospitality area in the crèche organised by Peter Thomas. People expressed willingness to man this area as part of a rota.

Eucharistic ministers: Fr. Andrew expressed a wish that the Eucharistic Ministers' role should be extended in the absence of an altar server. He has proposed that the Eucharistic Ministers should prepare the altar for the Liturgy of

the Eucharist during the Offertory. He will provide some training for this after Mass and hopes the new role will begin in September.

Heating: Helen asked that the heating should be monitored more carefully, especially during hot weather. While it was accepted that the church is quite a cold building, it was agreed that the heating should be turned off in heat waves. The heating is currently programmed to operate on Saturday and Sunday and the thermostat is set to activate when the temperature drops.

Sliding Doors: Fr. Andrew requested that the area behind the sliding doors should only be used for seating in an emergency. He feels that the church has ample space to accommodate the usual congregation as well as visitors. He feels that it is important that the main seating area is full and space maximised.

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Raymond: Raymond asked whether there were any expenses from the Flower Festival. Ann said that there were none.

Cath: Cath said that she and Pauline have offered a TV and DVD player to the church as this would allow provide an opportunity for computer or video presentations in church. It was emphasised that the TV would only be used as a monitor therefore a licence would not be necessary. Additionally since there was no aerial input in the church building, the “monitor” could not receive a television signal.

Margaret and Audrey: Following a visit to Threshfield Court, they have been approached by Lorraine Butler, the new activities’ co-ordinator, concerning opportunities offered to Catholics in the home. She was aware of the role of the Eucharistic Ministers, but expressed a wish to have a discussion with Fr. Andrew. Fr. Andrew agreed to contact her.

Vicky: Vicky commented about the frequent interference which can be heard on the microphone which, it seems, is caused by 4G and other mobile phones. She suggested that either people needed to be reminded to turn phone off or, alternatively, the microphone needed to be replaced. She suggested that replacement was a better option as more up-to-date technology was preferable. She offered to look into the possibilities.

Vicky: Vicky also wanted clarification with regard to Reverb as the Fountains Trust contributed to its work. Fr. Andrew understands that this funding has been used for the newly appointed Youth Worker who will work longer hours than before and will also work with Upper Wharfedale School. Reverb is now an Anglican project with Ecumenical support.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 7th October, 2014, 7.30p.m.

Mass will be celebrated at 7.00p.m.

