

## St Mark's Church, Broomhill

Minutes of the Parochial Church Council meeting held on 12 September 2011 (7.30 pm).

### Present

Ian Wallis (Chair)	Don Smith	Judith Crawshaw	Ian Maher
Tanya Ralph (Minutes)	Joe Forde	David Trickett	Sue Hammersley
Alistair Sutcliffe	Gary Grief	Catherine Trickett	Deni Ennals from 19.40
David Ryder	David Price	Bridget Grayson	John Bramley for correspondence item

### Apologies

James Dickson	Shan Rush	Simon Ennals	Anne Padget
Robin Saunders	Mike Hunt	Pat Hunt	

Sue Hammersley led the opening devotions.

		Action
<b>38</b>	<b>Approval of the minutes of the PCC meeting 21 July 2011</b>	
	The minutes of the meeting on 21 July 2011 were approved with the following amendments:  Page 1 – Shan Rush added to the Apologies Page 4 – Item 32: Broomhill festival - Actions changed from SH to IW	TR
<b>39</b>	<b>Matters arising from minutes of the PCC meeting 21 July 2011</b>	
	26 – Ian W reminded the PCC of the Bishop's invitation to the Hallam Deanery Evening on 'Growing the Body of Christ: The Diocesan Strategy for Growth'. It is hoped that several PCC members will be able to attend this evening at St Thomas Church, Philadelphia Campus on Tuesday 20 September 2011. Shan Rush will be representing St Mark's at the Diocesan Development Day on Saturday 1 October which unfortunately is on the same day as the John Bell conference.  David R informed the meeting that he has paid the CTBB Development Fund the £1200 redeemed from the Sheffield employment bond.  Ian informed the meeting that all the new Church Notice boards have now been erected, including the ones directing visitors into the church from the car park and the grounds. Alistair S agreed to remove the temporary banner on the Green.	AS
	27 - Ian confirmed that the review of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults policy is still outstanding. In addition, Mike H is investigating whether a separate policy relating to victims and perpetrators of 'Domestic abuse' needs to be prepared.	IW MH
	28 - Shan has agreed to provide administrative support for MADCATs.	
	30 – The response from the congregation for the PV panels is encouraging and we now have £25,600 in pledges including reclaimed tax. The planning application and application for tree surgery have been submitted. Ian informed the meeting that he had been advised by the Secretary of the DAC that Faculty applications can be submitted before planning consent has been granted. Robin S has looked into the 'green' credentials of PV manufacturers and providers and, to date, is unsure whether any are 'free of fault'. In addition, Gary G is investigating whether his Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth contacts can offer any guidance.	IW GG
	31 - Sound quality in church – Two speakers, similar to but of a lower specification than the alternatives under consideration were trialled this week in church and have received a positive response, although sound quality in the choir stall remains patchy.	
	33 – PCC away day. Ian W proposed we spend this day setting our priorities for the	

	<p>immediate future. This will include a discussion of Bishop Steven's 'Growing the Body of Christ' document. The PCC agreed to hold the event at St Mark's and have a 'Bring and Share' lunch. Tanya R to email the PCC a sign-up sheet for members to specify what food they will bring.</p> <p>Church and Community Consultation Day – David P has agreed the date for this with the community groups and our ecumenical colleagues as 10 March 2012. The venue for this will be St Marks Church.</p> <p>34 – Website – The website went live as planned. Tanya R, Anne P and Jelly Morgans are now trained to update the site in addition to Alistair S and Jon Hughes. Ian thanked the team (Jon Hughes, Tanya Ralph, James Ryder, Alistair Sutcliffe and Liz Wallis) on behalf of the PCC.</p> <p>37 – The Beacon Broomhill Leadership team has not yet met but Don S has spoken to Susan Whitmill about her attending these meetings instead of those relating to the wider Beacon Council.</p>	<p><b>IW</b> <b>TR</b></p>
<p><b>40</b></p>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p>	
	<p>Under floor heating - John Bramley was in attendance for this item. Robin S, John Bramley and Ian W have met with Fulton's regarding the replacement of two of the under floor power cables supplying the heating elements for two sections of church which are faulty. Following this we have now received a quotation from Fultons for approximately £3000 (ex VAT). However Fultons has also suggested that we replace all of the power cables, now 50 years old, in order to prevent us needing to do this in the future, at a cost of £4063 (ex VAT). In addition, it is possible that during this work it may be necessary to replace some of the heating elements so we should add in a 10% contingency costing for this. It is suggested that this work should be undertaken as soon as possible before winter.</p> <p>David R proposed that we instruct Fulton's to undertake the work at this quotation and for the work to be undertaken immediately. This will be paid for out of the Fabric reserves. This was seconded by David T and carried unanimously.</p> <p>John Bramley will take photos during this work as at present no plans exist for the under floor heating system.</p> <p>Sue H highlighted the Church Action on Poverty pilgrimage that will take place on 29 October starting at Victoria Methodist Church, Stafford Road. For further information, contact: <a href="mailto:sarahbaker17@live.co.uk">sarahbaker17@live.co.uk</a>.</p> <p>Sue H reported on the Diocesan Synod debate and vote relating to women Bishops that is now reported on the Diocesan website. The motion passed was "That this Synod approve the proposals embodied in the draft Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure and in draft Amending Canon No30". The Measure, as drafted, enables women to be ordained as Bishops. Alternative provision for those unable to receive the Episcopal ministry of women will be by delegation from each diocesan bishop. The Synod vote was as follows: For: 37 (Clergy 13 Laity 23 Bishops 1); Against: 28 (Clergy 12 Laity 16); Abstentions: 6 (Clergy 5 Laity 1).</p> <p>But a Motion also put to Synod by Jane Patterson from Hallam deanery amended the original motion "to ensure that those unable on theological grounds to accept the ministry of women Bishops are able to receive Episcopal oversight from a Bishop with authority (i.e. ordinary jurisdiction) conferred under the Measure rather than by delegation from a Diocesan Bishop". This also gained a majority. Sheffield is the first to pass this following motion. This vote was as follows: For: 42 (Clergy 22 Laity 20); Against: 23 (Clergy 8 Laity 15); Abstentions: 4 (Clergy 0 Laity 3 Bishops 1).</p> <p>All 44 Dioceses must vote on the Measure and if a majority of the Diocesan Synods give consent (23 out of 44), the drafts will then return to the General Synod for the steering committee to shepherd through to final approval. Currently 14 have voted in favour.</p> <p>The Jesus Centre in Broomhall opened on 19 September.</p> <p>Tanya R circulated literature relating to a number of Diocesan educational events plus a</p>	<p><b>IW</b> <b>DR</b></p>

	<p>mailing relating to the Diocese's links with Argentina. The PCC agreed to display the poster as requested and Tanya R agreed to highlight this link in a Messenger article before handing the paperwork over to the International committee to consider further.</p> <p>David R has submitted our annual return to the Charity Commission.</p> <p>David R has received notification of our Parish share allocation for next year. This is £80,843, a 2% increase on the 2011 figure of £79,258.</p> <p>Ian W informed the meeting that the Venerable Bob Fitzharris, the Archdeacon of Doncaster is retiring. The meeting agreed to contribute £25 to his retirement collection.</p>	<p>TR</p> <p>DR</p>
<b>41</b>	<b>Director of Music</b>	
	<p>Ian W reported that the appointments team had shortlisted 4 applicants, all of whom had heard of the post through the Church Times advertisement. One candidate from the USA withdrew prior to the day so 3 candidates attended on 6 September participating in a multifaceted process, including choir rehearsals, musical auditions and informal meetings, as well as formal interviews. The successful appointment is Simon Dunbavand. He is a composer, conductor, choir trainer and recitalist who is starting a part time research degree at Sheffield University this year. He has held a number of relevant posts including work in schools, churches and choral societies. It is hoped he will be able to start by Advent. Until then Andrew Linn and the senior musicians in the Choir will manage the musical and choral input to worship and other events, in consultation with Ian W.</p> <p>Ian W also asked the PCC to propose a date for Andrew Linn's inaugural organ recital. Following a short discussion Ian W agreed to suggest Advent Sunday to Andrew, instead of the usual Advent Choral performance, on the understanding that a service of worship could also be accommodated within this evening.</p>	<p>IW</p>
<b>42</b>	<b>Civil partnerships</b>	
	<p>Ian W reported back to the PCC on this issue.</p> <p>The meeting reflected on the 10 am Sunday Service on 7 August where a Civil Partnership was affirmed and celebrated. Ian has received feedback from the couple who were delighted with it as it was exactly as requested by them, nothing had been left out. All agreed that it had 'felt right' and 'of course we should be doing this'. It was seen to be a culmination of the whole process that we have gone through.</p>	
<b>43</b>	<b>Welcoming and Open Congregations</b>	
	<p>Papers relating to Changing Attitude's 'Welcoming and Open Congregations' initiative had been distributed before the meeting. PCC members were reminded that the question of whether St Mark's should register was raised at the December 2010 meeting when it was deferred until after the Civil Partnerships discernment process had progressed further. That point had now arrived.</p> <p>It was pointed out that the only church from this Diocese currently listed on the Changing Attitude website as a 'Welcoming and Open Congregation' is St Aidan's (Manor); however, it is understood that St Andrew's (Psalter Lane), is currently considering its position.</p> <p>The sample resolution from the Changing Attitude literature was adopted by the meeting: <i>The PCC of St Mark's Church Broomhill agreed at the meeting on 12 September 2011 that it wishes details of the church and its services to be listed on the Changing Attitude web site as a congregation which is open and welcoming to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.</i> Proposed by: Joe F, seconded by: Deni E. 14 in favour, 0 against, no abstentions.</p> <p>Tanya R to action this, putting Ian W and Sue H's church details as our contact points.</p> <p>It was agreed to include a link to the Changing Attitude website from the 'Links' section of the St Mark's website.</p>	<p>TR</p> <p>TR</p>
<b>44</b>	<b>One World Week</b>	
	<p>Ian W drew attention to three separate but related happenings: (i) Black History Month (throughout October), an international initiative with local events taking place in Broomhall; (ii) 'One World Week' (23-30 October), a nationwide initiative promoting a theme in 2011 of</p>	

	'Living for one World'; (iii) Interfaith Week (20-26 November), again a nationwide initiative, but with Sheffield-wide events being organised by St Mark's and the Sheffield Interfaith Forum, under the co-ordination of Robert Beard who is looking for a couple of volunteers from St Mark's to work with him on the planning group.	
<b>45</b>	<b>Parish Weekend (21-23 September 2012) planning group – update: Tanya R, Alistair S</b>	
	Tanya R reported that the recommendation from the planning group is that we ask people to pay the actual cost for their room and full board. This will be £100 + £10 single supplement per person for a room with shared bathroom and £125 + £10 single supplement per person for an 'en suite' room. There will be free places for children under 5 and subsidised places for the 6 – 16 year olds. In addition there will need to be some funding from the PCC to cover the entertainment and the fee and expenses for the keynote speaker/facilitator. Alistair S has the previous weekend's leaflet that we will adapt for this 'cost' wording. The weekend will be launched in October with a brochure and plans for a fundraiser. The PCC agreed this pricing structure but felt the wording offering sponsored places needed to be done carefully and thoughtfully.	<b>IW TR AS</b>
<b>46</b>	<b>Reports from committees and groups</b>	
	Fabric & Finance committee reported that the costs for refreshments have had to be increased. The price for coffee and tea has been put up to 50p.	
<b>47</b>	<b>Any other urgent business (taken with the approval of the PCC)</b>	
	None	
	<b>Date and time of the next meeting:</b>	
	Wed 19 October 2011 at 7.30pm	
	Saturday 22 October 2011 – away day – 9.30am – 2.00pm	
	The meeting finished at 9.40pm.	