

St Peter and St Paul with St Andrews, Flitwick
Meeting of the Parochial Church Council
Held in the Chapter House on Monday 12th April 2010 at 7.30pm

Those Present:	Revd. M. Bradley (Chairman)	Mrs W. Harris
	Dr A Brown (Vice Chairman)	Mrs M. McKeand
	Mr C. Diver	Mrs A Roby
	Mrs J. Frost (Secretary)	Mrs S Simms
	Mrs. R. Gale (Mins Secretary)	Mr D. Shelton Smith
	Mr D. Gale	Mrs R. Thompson
	Mrs C. Golding (Treasurer)	Mr D. Watson
	Mr D. Golding	Mrs F. Harding

1. **Prayers:** Michael opened the meeting with a special welcome to the four newcomers to the PCC and a welcome to all followed by Prayers.
2. **Arrangements for attending Michael's installation as Honorary Canon of St. Albans Cathedral:** It was decided to place a list at the back of both St. Peter & St. Paul and St. Andrews churches for people to enter their names if they wish to attend. These names will be collated and arrangements made for transport.
3. **Minutes:** With the following amendments the Minutes were signed as a true record:
 - a. Treasurer's Report: Balance at Barclays to read: £2,800.00
 - b. Date of Summer Fete: 31st May, 2010
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:** Discussion about purchase of mobile bookcase. Wendy thought it was expensive. It was decided to send for brochures before a decision is made. It is likely that the "Friends" will become involved.
5. **Matters Arising from the APCM 29th March 2010.** - None.
6. **Election of Officers:**

Vice Chairman:	Tony Brown	Proposed Flora	Seconded Ciaran
Treasurer:	Carmel Golding	Proposed Jennie	Seconded Rachel
PCC Secretary	Jennie Frost	Proposed Carmel	Seconded Tony
Mins. Secretary	Rita Gale	Proposed Mary	Seconded Anne
Churches Together	Anne Roby, Jennie Frost and Mary McKeand.		

The above Elections were unanimously accepted.

7. **Election of Sub-Committees.**

Standing Committee: Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Churchwardens and Wendy Harris. Proposed by Derek, Seconded by Anne. Unanimously accepted.

Social Committee: Rachel Thompson, Barbara Habgood, Lois McDonald, Jill Coker, Brenda James and Rita Gale.

Proposed Wendy, Seconded by Flora. All in favour.

Buildings & Fabric Committee: David Golding, Tony Brown, Flora Harding, Carmel Golding, Derek Shelton-Smith, Helen Butler, Val Hyde and Christa Long. Proposed Rachel Seconded by Mary. All in favour.

Magazine Committee: Ciaran Diver, Joan Deering, Penny Pye, Simon Kean. John Russell was the webmaster but Michael is now doing this and John is happy to stand down from this committee. Proposed Derek Seconded by David. All in favour.

8. Dates for PCC Meetings:

After a short discussion it was decided to change the May meeting as it was the same week as Christian Aid. This is now changed to Wednesday 5th and it will be at St Andrews. Listed below are the dates of the meeting up to next APCM.

5th May (Wed at St. Andrews) 14th June, 12th July, 15th September (Wed at St Andrews), 11th October, 8th November, 13th December, 10th January 2011, 14th February, 14th March, (APCM 28th March 2011).

9. Treasurer's Report

Balance at Barclays: £5,889.10p
CBF: £82,968.36p

Carmel is still waiting for the £3,500.00 she requested to be transferred to the current account to make up any possible shortfall in impending commitments, ie. our Parish Share.

We have received £4,034.60p so far this year in repaid tax revenue.

Carmel reported that two more people changed to standing order giving in March and a further one person in April. This makes a total of 30 people paying by Standing Order, being just over a third of the money we take in.

Carmel shared her concerns she has with regard to the counting and recording of the monies on a Sunday after Church. A small group including Carmel, David, Tony, Mary and Flora will meet to give this matter some thought and report back to the PCC.

10. Pastoral Care – Not minuted.

11. Buildings Sub-Committee: Tony reported that the hole in the perimeter wall has now been mended. This wall was originally built in 1250, therefore, of great historic interest. Tony proposes to write an article in the Parish Magazine on this subject. A meeting is being set up between Martin Butler, Steve Todd and Tony to discuss an additional hole in the wall on the other side of the Churchyard.

Chapter House Roof: David is extremely frustrated by the lack of response from Pam Ward in spite of numerous requests. David was advised to keep up the pressure as time is running out.

12. Vision for Action.

- a. **Messy Church:** Michael congratulated Anne on the great success of the Messy Church activity held in the Chapter House on Good Friday. There were 12 new families, 28 children, 22 adults, 25 helpers. There were 10 activities and £51.13 was donated to cover refreshments.

- b. ***The Agape Supper:*** This was a very happy and successful occasion. £48.00 over and above expenses was received in donations.
- c. ***Mind, Body and Soul:*** Anne asked for support for our stall at the annual “Mind, Body and Soul” Festival which is being held on Saturday 17th April, from 9.00am to 5.00 pm and on Sunday 18th April from 10.00am to 4.30 pm. Admission £2.50p
- d. ***Pentecost in the Park:*** Michael will be MC at the “Pentecost in the Park” which will be held at Catherine’s Cross in Ampthill on Sunday 23rd May at 12.30pm. The Preacher will be a Church of England Bishop, Henry Richmond. Attendees are invited to bring a picnic. Last year 200 people from local churches attended and it was very favourably received.
- e. ***Mission Review:*** Michael is very concerned at the decline in numbers attending Church. It was decided to invite the Diocesan Missioner who has lots of ideas which have been successful in other places. Carmel suggested that he attends a Church Service and then stays to Lunch to talk to our parishioners and exchange ideas. Michael will contact him.
- f. ***Climate Change:*** The paper entitled “Action on Climate Change” from the desk of Bishop Alan was distributed to all PCC members. It was advised that everyone should read, digest and be ready with any helpful contributions at the next meeting.

There being no other business the meeting ended with Said Grace at 9.15pm.