

St Peter and St Paul with St. Andrews, Flitwick
Meeting of the Parochial Church Council
Held in the Chapter House on Monday 11th January, 2010

Those Present:	Revd M. Bradley (Chairman)	Mrs F. Harding
	Dr A Brown (Vice Chairman)	Mrs R. Jones
	Mr C. Diver	Dr A. Roby
	Mrs J. Frost (Secretary)	Mr J. Russell
	Mrs R. Gale (Mins. Secretary)	Mr D. Shelton-Smith
	Mrs C. Golding (Treasurer)	Mrs R. Thompson
	Mr D. Golding	

1. Prayers: The meeting opened with Michael wishing everyone all the best for the New Year followed by prayers.

2. Apologies: Mrs Lois McDonald and Mrs Wendy Harris.

3. Minutes: Correct the word **now** to read **not** in the second line of "Sidesman Training". The Minutes were then signed as a true record.

4. Matters Arising:

- Sidesmen Training – No further progress.
- Church Vacancies – Rachel J. said she was quite happy to carry on with the Sunday School until we had two more recruits installed. Carmel also said she was happy to continue in the role when her other duties allowed but not for a month. Several suggestions were made, namely Valerie McFarlane one of the mothers who has proved very willing to carry out any jobs she has been asked to do. Also Nancy Barrett, another parent with children in Sunday School. With regard to Servers; Stephanie Freeman, David Watson and Jasper Goodyear were suggestions and Michael volunteered to speak to these people. John Russell said he was more than willing to carry out any duties if he was on the Church premises but was not in a position to guarantee being there because of work commitments.
- Christmas Bazaar: Enid is happy to co-ordinate again and has booked the Village Hall for Saturday 27th November 2010. Enid does not wish to do the Summer Fete. Enid has also stated that she is not happy about all the boxes of un-sold goods she has taken home. It was decided to stipulate that we will not accept any clothes or electrical goods in future. Michael thought that if we started setting up later in the day people would be happier to stay and help to clear up after the event. It was decided to ask Val to co-ordinate the Fete this year and Jennie will ask her if she is willing.

5. Treasurer's Report.

Bal. at end of December 2009	= £ 6,548.12
CbF	=£82,968.36

Carmel reported that the end of year accounts are more or less complete and ready to go to the Auditor. We have received around £10,000 back from Inland Revenue through Gift Aid. Draft copy of accounts attached hereto. Michael thanked Carmel for all her hard work which he said is much appreciated.

6. Buildings Sub-Committee.

It was reported that quite a large section of the Churchyard wall has fallen down. Tony suggested we get an estimate from Mr Steve Todd and if the cost is reasonable go ahead with the repair. All agreed.

Flora brought the attention of the PCC to the very dangerous state of the path up to the Church during the current adverse weather conditions. Several suggestions were made and it was decided to ask Andrew Long if he would be able to help with this. The purchasing of snow shovels and salt is necessary in readiness for next year. Flora will speak to Andrew.

David has not yet had a chance to proceed with the Chapter House roof.

7. Pastoral Care. Not minuted.

8. Vision for Action.

Everyone on PCC should have a 'Dates for your Diary 2010'. Michael will require help with the Bishop's Diocesan Lent Courses which will take place in the Chapter House from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. The courses will be open to other churches. 'Are you up for it' also suggests that a verse from the Scriptures be received, read, learned and turned into some practical application each day. These will be available on email or by Text message (small charge) and more information can be found on the Diocesan Web Site. (www.stalbans.anglican.org)

The new Pram Service will take place on the second Wednesday of every month as advertised- this week on 13th January. Jennie, Anne and Enid are Leaders. Michael also hopes to attend.

Carmel said there was no column in the accounts for the funding of social events. All agreed there should be one.

Michael has designed a new Carol Sheet of our own for 2010 which will make it easier to read whilst holding a candle and more versatile when updating or changing details and quantities.

Michael read out some Mission statistics which showed a gradual decline in attendance each year. Also there are a decreasing number of occasional offices. No specific comments were made except that we need to keep a close eye on our 'welcome' techniques as we already have several new people in our congregations.

David has purchased a Planner for the Chapter House.

9. Electoral Roll: Lorraine Craig from Sundon Park has applied to be on the Electoral Roll in 6 months time.

The meeting ended with a prayer at 8.55pm.