

## **St Stephen's PCC Minutes 11<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

**Venue: St Stephens, 8pm**

Present: Jill Soar, Nicky Lee, Helen Mitchell, Ericka Glaysher, Annie Barnsdale, Danny Wignall, Ed Walker, Andrew Lee, Lee Nancarrow, Colin Short.

Danny opened in prayer

### **1. Minutes of last meeting**

All in agreement that they were a valid representation of discussions.

### **2. Matters arising**

There was reflection on recent meetings with positive feedback on the recent baptism service and the memorial service.

There was reflection on the success of other events in the church like kids praise and the parenting course.

Danny updated that are proceeding with the decision to bring in a curate. Giles has been confirmed as the curate with the Diocese and will start in July 2010.

Housing was discussed for the curate and, following the PCCs approval at the away day, the decision has been made that we are going to sell Flat 3, Glovers House and there had been two quotes for the value coming in at £160,000. The Diocese will be consulted as they need to give permission for the property to be sold.

There was a stewardship meeting last Thursday to discuss how to resolve the curate housing. Nicky Lee and Jill Soar were chosen to head up the selling and buying of the properties.

We as a PCC were asked to pray for the leaders and stewardship team as to how they can put the raising of the funds for the curate to the church with wisdom.

We discussed whether it would be better to take out a mortgage on a property or whether renting was the better option. Nicky and Jill will look at all options and then will put it to the PCC when they find the best of both.

Nicky will produce a prayer list for all things in relation to the smooth transition of getting the curate here.

### **3. PCC Membership**

Colin explained that anyone who has an official role is an ex-officio and therefore do not have a vote. Employees of the church (i.e. the PCC) cannot be trustees, but they can be ex-officio members. The churchwardens, treasurer and Danny will automatically be co-opted on to the PCC each year and therefore receive a vote through co-option. It was discussed whether we have enough voting members of the PCC. The figure was confirmed at 12 and this was said to be enough although a minimum. Even though we are allowed 14.

### **4. Sub committee for agreement with Estate Agents**

It was proposed by Annie Barnesdale and seconded by Helen Mitchell that the stewardship committee and Nicky and Jill have power to make all decisions on the selling of the flat and looking at new property in consultation with the stewardship team.

#### **5. Maintenance fund**

It was proposed that the transfer each year from general fund to maintenance fund would be increased from £5,000 to £7,000. Proposed by Jill Soar, seconded by Helen Mitchell.

We will ask the Rainbow support group to put a proposal to the PCC for improving the heating system in the cross.

#### **6. Renewing David Bennet's license as a Lay Reader**

The PCC of St Stephens Church Shottermill supports the vicar the Rev Danny Wignall in his request that a new licence be issued to Mr David Bennet to enable him to continue his ministry as a licensed lay minister. Proposed by Nicky seconded by Colin and the motion was carried.

#### **7. AOB**

None raised