

Minutes of a meeting of the Parochial Church Council of St. John, Knotty Ash held on  
on14th October 2014

*Meeting opened with a reading and The Lord's Prayer at 19.36hrs.*

**Present**

Margaret Gleave	Val Gavin	Val Carlton	Philip Kenwright
Rev.Roy Doran	Irene Tuzio	Gill Southern	Sue Farley
Alan Malthouse	Derek Southern	Denise Boyle	Charles Nasoro
Jane Owen	Jenny Owen	Marjorie Juxon	jean Malthouse

**Apologies**

Sue Mitchell                      Ken Gleave                      Rebecca Masih

**Web Page  
Development**

Margaret Gleave informed members that the only person to have accepted the invitation to access the web site and enter details was Irene Tuzio. Several members expressed difficulty with the site and were informed to e-mail either Margaret or Ken with their problem to obtain help with the solution. Ken is still willing to input data until members are confident with the use of the site, but he can only do this if he receives any.

Sue Farley raised concerns that if several people have access to the site, they could alter any information already entered. There has to be an element of trust on behalf of those who have access that they only enter/amend/delete information relevant to their roles in the church.

**Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 9th September were accepted as a true record of the event and duly signed. They were proposed by Derek Southern and seconded by Val Gavin.

**Matters Arising**

The estimate approved for the new carpet for the church was the one from West Derby Carpets to the value of £895.00 excluding VAT.

**Correspondence**

Rev.Doran has received a letter from the Cadet Association with notification of the proposed work to be undertaken on the party wall outside the hall. 4 trees have already been cut down. As far as possible the copings and bricks from the current wall will be used in the re-build and the work should potentially be completed by Christmas.

Rev.Doran has received a letter from a company Service Solutions North West who have expressed interest in undertaking PAT testing and checking electrical equipment we use in church. Due to illness the current firm used by the church Tom Nuttall is not up to date in this area. Following a discussion members agreed to make use of the electrical contractors who will be on site undertaking the proposed refurbishing work. There will be no follow up with Service Solutions North West and we will continue to use Tom Nuttall for the time being.

Rev.Doran has been informed by the Cumbrian Clock Company that their original quote for repairs issued in 2010 is still valid. Rev.Doran has forwarded this quote to the relevant bodies who will help with the cost of this work.

Margaret Gleave has received a donation letter from the College of St Barnabas. Rev.Doran informed those present that there is a lot of support for this cause and at present we will not be supporting it.

The question element of the Visitation Summary was discussed and filled in and the reasons for the answers section will be pondered by Rev.Doran and members will be made aware of his comments when he has decided on them.

Val Gavin has received a letter from Christian Solidarity Worldwide inviting people to attend days of prayer which have been organised in Scotland in support of christians suffering persecution in troubled areas globally. If people are unable to attend, the group have suggested the possibility of organising our own day of prayer at St.John's. There were no objections and Rev.Doran will review this.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Gill Southern distributed copies of the current financial accounts and explained them.

Gill also explained that a paper exercise had been undertaken to look into the possibility of installing internet access in church. Costs range from £77.49 excl VAT per month with a 6 year contract to £49.10 p/m. No decisions have been made at this stage and ideas such as using a mobile phone to transfer calls to the vicarage were discussed. If anyone has any thoughts on this matter, please contact Gill Southern.

Rev.Doran expressed his gratitude to the Treasurer for all her hard work.

## **Time of Sunday Service Survey**

Results - start time	10.00hrs	10.30hrs	11.00hrs
- votes	16	26	7

The new start time of 10.30hrs for the Sunday Morning Worship service will be implemented in the New Year after notifying the congregation.

## **Malawi Well Update**

Charles Nasoro updated members on the progress of this project.

The outstanding amount needed to pay for the work is £1972.75 ( without tax )  
£2623.52 (with tax )

After discussion it was agreed to send all the money raised for this cause to Water Aid with a specification that any money remaining after the outstanding balance had been paid be placed in a maintenance fund for the well.

Rev.Doran asked Charles to provide a structured account of how the money has been used and a receipt for the total amount received. Charles will also provide copies of all monetary transactions and give them to the Treasurer for the accounts.

Charles expressed his heart felt gratitude to Knotty Ash School and St John's on behalf of the 20,000 people who now have access to the well and fresh water.

## **Church WC Prices**

Rev.Doran informed members that the 3 quotes for the work have been received.  
£115,000    £120,000    £150,000.

After a discussion with Robin Woolley and Rev.Doran it was surmised that the firm who had submitted the significantly higher quote was not really interested.

A meeting has been arranged between the building firms who submitted the other 2 quotes and members of the church building committee and Treasurer for 14.00hrs on Wednesday 15th October to discuss the total figures for the work to be undertaken. ( architect fees and VAT need to be included ).The results of this meeting will be brought to the next PCC meeting.

## **Children's Society Representative**

Val Gavin and Jean Malthouse agreed to undertake this role jointly.

## **Deanery Synod Report**

Irene Tuzio provided members with a detailed breakdown of the events discussed at the latest Synod meeting, the main topic being the vote on women Bishops. By the end of November the name of our first female Bishop should be known. Irene felt the session proved to be a very thorough one.

## **Heritage Day Feedback**

Feedback from visitors on the day and ideas from members were discussed. These included

- the possibility of a table in the Crypt where visitors could enjoy a cup of tea/coffee
- a rolling power point of the history of the church and hall
- Messy Church and Heritage Day together was too fragmented
- less focus on refreshments
- more advertising of the causes supported by the church and what we offer to the community
- better and earlier planning and advertising
- larger information sheets for the windows and focal points in church.

**Christmas Fayre  
Tree Festival**

Members discussed holding the Christmas Fayre and refreshments in the hall and having a tree festival, Nativity display and Grotto in the church. Gill Southern explained the artificial Christmas trees (approx 3 feet high) will be decorated by various groups eg Uniformed groups, Sunday Club, ATC and possibly Sainsbury's (if they are willing to supply some trees.) These would then be positioned on boards along the walls at the ends of the pews. These would be left in position after the fayre. Simple unsupervised crafts would be available in the church for visitors to undertake (colour Christmas cards, make a tree decoration etc). All members present agreed to this going ahead. Jane Owen volunteered to organise the Fayre aspect.

**Date of Next**

Meeting 11th November 2014 at 19.30hrs.

*Meeting closed with Prayer and at 21.45hrs.*