

Minutes for St. David's Committee Meeting, Tuesday November 11th. 2014

Holy Communion was held in the Lady Chapel at 6.30pm

Meeting at 7pm in the Parish Room

Tom welcomed everyone

Apologies

Sarah Black
Richard Johnson

Minutes of the Last Meeting - 30th. September 2014

An amendment will be made to say that Steph Hills did attend.

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Nigel Walsh and seconded by Avril Pattinson.

Matters arising

Details were given about the Memorial Service to be held for John Hughes on Saturday, 22nd November. There will be a reading from his thesis, Welsh hymns, prayers and bible readings. The vicar of St. James, Henry Pryse will speak. Bill Pattinson will read a sermon given by John in 2008. The theme of the service will be thanksgiving. Tea and cake will be served afterwards. The Diocese, University, SWMTC have been informed, and it is on the website.

Christmas Fair

There will be a few craft stalls, but we need to ask for donations of cakes, books, nearly new and bottles. Time is short and the profile is to be raised.

Churchyard

Weather permitting, work will be carried out on Saturday, 15th November.

Financial Report

Barbara reported that planned giving is down slightly. At present, there will be a surplus at the end of the year. We may change utility suppliers to ensure the costs are at their lowest. New Gates - Donations towards the cost have been received. There may be a small amount from the City Council. It was reported that city car parks are now locked at night, so more people are using the church porches. It seems that even though there are enough shelters, some opt not to use them.

Fabric Report

See Dave's report sent on email.

The reredos is now well lit.

Western Steeplejacks will repoint some of the ridge tiles, render the external wall of the North transept and remove moss from the roof.

All actions recommended in the Quinquennial Report of 2010 will be taken by the end of 2015
We will need to have an electrical survey in 2015.

There was a useful suggestion of rooting fins on the roof to redirect rainfall, thus reducing the possibility of leaks into the church.

Bells

There are some small repairs needed and money is available from the bell fund.

Organ

The sticking notes problem has been resolved for the present, thanks to the work done by Ian Smith.

Project Report

See report on email

We have received formal permission from the HLF to proceed with the repair work. Three bids for 3D scanning have come in below budget. On December 11th there will be a meeting with the Diocesan Advisory Committee, English Heritage and the Victorian Society.

There will be a meeting with the Archdeacon on November 20th. to inform him about the proposal.

The structural engineer and architect will meet Dave on 15th. November.

The application to Pennon needs to be submitted by December 1st.

Other possibilities for grants are being explored.

There has been no word from Garfield Weston.

Dave explained the 3 options for underpinning and the costs for each will be considered. There will be a need to close the West door during the work.

Next Phase

See report as email

We need to refine the vision for St. David's. A Consultation meeting for the congregation is planned for January 25th 2015 and was agreed by the committee, to update and give the opportunity for everyone to contribute to our vision. A decision is needed by the summer.

There was discussion about the vision.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Hilary Todd, to Dave Allin, for all the work he has done.

Statement of Needs Document - see document on email.

The St. David's committee and PCC will need to agree the document.

It was agreed to share it with the congregation.

Statement of Significance and Needs – to be submitted to the diocese. The work of Beatrice Creswell, an expert on Devon churches, was used to prepare the statements. Tom, Emma and Jeremy Lawford viewed the document (See on line).

Dave summarised

1. It may be possible to use the medieval font which lies within the Victorian one.

2. Pews - There will be a request to remove them to allow flexibility of use of the space.

It was suggested that the pew ends might be used to create the wall of the kitchen or committee room.

A motion to agree the document was proposed by Dave Allin and seconded by Emma White and agreed unanimously.

'Something Different' Service

Tom reported that there had been a meeting with Simon (Parish Missioner), Bill (Junior church), Nigel (Music) and Robert (Band). The 'Something Different Service' is not working as it stands. It

was proposed that there would be a Family Service on a regular Sunday in the month, which the congregation can be made aware of, and which would be no longer than 50 minutes to avoid boredom. The Eucharistic prayer could be shortened or there may be no Eucharist. In this case communion might be offered at 6pm instead. Once again, it was felt that the congregation's opinions need to be sought. The programme for Family Services next year could be communicated at the Christmas Fair and Christingle.

Website and Twitter account - see email

There has been good publicity. It was agreed that a policy for use of the website/communications is needed. The committee agreed the general format, but we need to put it into good English prose. Keith agreed to work on the document.

Sue Holden was thanked for all her work with the website.

It was agreed that it should be sent to St. Michael's DCC for them to make their own policy from it. This was proposed by Dave and seconded by Chris Gill and the committee agreed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 9.25 in prayer.

Date of next meeting - Tuesday, 20th January 2015