

Précis of the Parochial Church Council Meeting held on

29th January 2014.

Approval of minutes. The minutes of the December P.C.C. were approved

Treasurer. The 'Receipts and Payments' show that income has gone down since 2012 but expenditure has also reduced. The Auditor has now approved the accounts. A letter has been received from the Archbishop thanking the P.C.C. for the generous contribution agreed as part of our freewill giving.

New facility, costs. These were given to the P.C.C. Further invoices are still expected from the builder and our Architect.

Insurance. The current five year agreement with E.I.G. regarding Saint Martin's is coming to an end. The Treasurer will ask E.I.G. to survey and re-value Saint Martin's. The Treasurer will then sign a new agreement.

Worsall. The Churchwarden is dealing with repairs to the pulpit. It was agreed to commission drawings for a stained glass window.

Fourth Sunday service. The feedback has been mixed, with some in favour of moving the service and some against. It was agreed that the present pattern of services should remain unaltered for the time being.

Mass of the bread of life. This is sung at Kirklevington. It was queried why it should not also be sung at Worsall. It was therefore agreed that this will be done for a trial period.

Kirklevington. The new facilities building is now in use. The toilets are to be used on a 'self-clean' basis. The churchwardens and the Verger will monitor this. A working group will be organised as certain maintenance tasks need to be undertaken. The porch door crack will be looked at in the quinquennial inspection. The cracks in the church will be monitored in the meantime. A new Fire Risk Assessment is needed because of the new build. The need for advice from York on a new heating system was noted.

Pattern of services. It was noted that services other than on Sunday are doing well at Saint Martin's. The Thursday Morning Prayer is well attended and work is ongoing with the primary school. The possibility of running a mother and toddlers group was raised.

Moving the Altar at Saint Martin and Saint Hilary. In connection with the move, the issue of whether or not to retain the choir stalls was discussed, as was the finalising of the Faculty request. P.C.C. members were asked to consider where the choir should sit in church.

Picton. The P.C.C. noted that the Archdeacon had suggested that further consultation should take place with Picton once the Facilities Block has been completed. The Churchwarden for Worsall will contact Picton.

Deanery Synod. The next meeting takes place on 10th February at Crathorne. Rev Pam noted that Deanery Synods are becoming more important in the way the Church of England works. The meeting discussed the possibility of input and specialist support from the Deanery.

Social Committee. A report was given out at the meeting. Last year was a good year for fundraising. The recent successful fund raising events at Hutton Rudby were discussed. The need for fund raising events not to clash with other events was noted. The need for 'new blood' on the committee was noted.

Arrangements for Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The Secretary will update the list of necessary dates and actions. The information regarding P.C.C. members standing down at the A.P.C.M. was noted.

Mission in the parish. It was agreed that increasing church attendance is a side effect not the main purpose of 'Mission'. The central focus of 'Mission' is to spread the word of Jesus Christ, thereby getting the message across to more people. In particular this means reaching out to non-church goers. In view of this it became clear that the P.C.C. needs a new Mission Plan as the previous one has not been updated for several years.

Remembrance Sunday. The focus of the service should be on 'the local story' for each village, since the conflict affected those left behind as well as those who went to war. This could include focussing on one family from each village. P.C.C. minutes and other documents from that time could also be checked.

Charities. It was agreed that in Lent a donation will be made to USPG, now known as US. The collection from the Crib Service will be donated to the Children's Society. The collection from the Carol Service will be donated to the Salvation Army. The collection from the Harvest Festival will be donated to the Butterwick Hospice, in memory of Katherine Taylor. The non-perishable food collected will go to the Food Bank.

Dates of future meetings.

Standing Committee: Wednesday 26th February, at 2pm, at the Vicarage.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING: Sunday 6th April.