

**All Saints' Church, Brandeston
Parochial Church Council**

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th November 2009

Present: The Revd Robin Alderson
Mrs Baker
Mrs Demetriadi,
Mr Garratt
Mrs Jeffery
Miss Leach,
Mr McArthur
Mrs Matthews
Mrs Molyneux
Mrs Moore.
Mrs Woodland

The meeting opened with a prayer.

- 1) There were apologies for absence from Mr Drummond
- 2) **Minutes of the meeting held on 14th September 2009**
These were approved with some changes that have been entered in the minute book.
- 3) **Matters arising from the minutes.**
 - Mr McArthur has found records about the Cemetery Chapel dating back to 2000/2001. The Chapel remains a responsibility of the Church with the Friends as a sub-committee of the PCC. Mr McArthur will complete necessary faculty applications for them and their accounts should be included in our annual report as a restricted fund.
 - The church registers are up to date.
 - The Tobin family spoke about Nansambo at our family service on All Saints Day.
- 7) **Quinquennial / restoration / maintenance**
 - Mr McArthur is investigating possible architects. Amongst those on the list are Mr Pearce and Nick Jacob. He will get prices for us to compare at our next meeting.
Mr Baker joined the meeting.
 - There is a bad drainage problem above the south door. It requires an extra downpipe. The meeting gave permission for Mr McArthur to follow this up including a faculty application.
 - The interior paintwork needs to be removed before we can redecorate. We will wait for the quinquennial review before we consider this.
- 4) **Finance**
 - The current account stands at £769.37
The business premium account stands at £16 369.59
 - The parish has £2 000 left to pay off the parish share. We should be able to pay this in full. There will be a 4.4% increase across the deanery for next year's parish share. Mr Baker expressed a concern about the ability of some of the other parishes to pay this amount. The treasurers met to discuss this for a second time after the Deanery Synod meeting and agreed the blanket 4'4% increase. This means that, as a

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deanery, a negative budget has been fixed as some parishes will be unable to pay the full amount. Between 70% and 80% of our income goes on the parish share. Mr Alderson congratulated the PCC on their ability to raise such a large sum each year.

5) Fund Raising

• Christmas fair (5th December)

Preparations are in hand. The flyers will be made by Mrs Jeffery and distribution will be organised by Mr Garratt.

• Recipe Book

It was agreed that we would print 500 copies at a cost £994. Lady Cunliffe kindly offered to sponsor the printing costs. Each book will be sold for £5. Mrs Fletcher has agreed that all the profits should go to the church.

All those involved in the production of the book were thanked.

• Open Garden (29th May)

Everyone was willing to help with the running and preparation for this event. It will require widespread advertising.

• Brandeston Hall History

Mrs Molyneux and Mr Garratt will investigate the possibility of asking Norman Porter to speak about the book. This could be an event for parents from Brandeston Hall as well as local people. Mr Garratt will arrange possible dates.

• Kneelers

Lawrence Clarke has recently taken photographs of our kneelers for his website. These could generate interest amongst visitors. The photos (with permission) could be made into postcards, possibly into tapestry kits or illustrated leaflets. Mrs Woodland will follow this up and select four pictures to use as Christmas cards. She will also try to get some help from people in the village for repairs to some of the kneelers.

• Next year's other events

Fete: 19th June. Mr Baker will check that this has been confirmed with Mr Randall at the Queen's Head.

Bike Ride: 2nd Saturday in September.

Christmas Fair: 1st Saturday in December.

• Giving

It was agreed that we should wait until we have had the Quinquennial review before trying to increase interest in giving within the parish. This would give us something specific to aim at and we should be able to direct some of this giving towards the parish share as well as to repairs.

6 Charitable Giving

Our usual giving is:

£25 to the Suffolk Historic Churches' Trust

£50 to the Historic Churches Preservation Trust

In addition to this we have given £215 to the Nansambo Fund

It was agreed by all, that we should give the collection from the All Saints' Day service to the Nansambo fund. This takes our total giving to over £300.

8 Common Worship Services

There were six people at yesterday's service. The timing of the service may be a factor. It was agreed that we should move the service to 10am for a trial period starting in January. This needs to be well publicised.

9 Deanery Synod

The Synod heard about the Church's Healing Ministry. Then they discussed the Parish share and the need for an emergency meeting to ratify the decision of

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treasurers to have the 4.4% increase. Next year the treasurers will be ready in time for the Synod Meeting.

10 Friends of the Chapel

The candlelit supper will be held, as usual, in December. No more work has been done or needs to be done.

11 Safeguarding

The course in Debenham was cancelled. Mr Alderson will raise the possibility of an alternative. We need to follow new procedures.

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12 Correspondence

We have received letters from Home Start giving information about volunteer support for families, from Lehmann House thanking us for the Harvest gifts and from the Tobin family thanking us for our donations and giving us more information about life in Malawi. Mrs Baker agreed to follow up a suggestion that we should get the village hall committee to help us support the Tobin family with their work with orphans.

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Mrs Butcher has requested that we help her with the Parish Magazine by finding someone to encourage and coordinate Brandeston's entries. Revd Alderson and Revd Edwards will, in future, be sharing responsibility for the letter in the magazine. We have been informed that the seat in memory of Dr Anthony Fletcher has been completed by his grandson. It will be installed in the east side of the churchyard in the New Year.

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Mrs Molyneux will arrange for a prayer to be displayed on the church door.

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Dates

5th December Service of thanksgiving for Molly Flack.

Benefice services

28th March Palm Sunday. Bishop Nigel to Campsea Ashe 10am with GV's donkey.

23rd May Marlesford

25th July Hacheston (evensong)

31st October All Saints, Brandeston 10am Common Worship

26th September Harvest Festival 6.30

Date of next meeting: Monday 25th January at Office Farm House at 7.30 pm.

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The next meeting will be held on Monday 25th January 2010 at Office Farm House at 7.30 pm.

Agenda

- 1) Apologies for absence
- 2) Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th November 2009
- 3) Minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 6th December 2009
- 4) Matters arising from the minutes
- 5) Financial report
- 6) Fund raising and giving within the parish.
- 7) Quinquennial / restoration / maintenance
- 8) Common worship services
- 9) Harvest Festival
- 10) Deanery Synod report
- 11) Friends of the Chapel
- 12) Safeguarding
- 13) Correspondence
- 14) Dates
- 15) Date of next meeting

Please bring your diaries to the meeting