

St. Thomas More Church, Hartley Wintney

Minutes of Good Shepherd's meeting number 36 held on Wednesday 9th September 2015

Present:

Kath Budd (Chair), Janine Kilroy, Cathy Gathergood, Carole Johnson, Patrick Wilson, John Marcotti (minutes)

Apologies:

Fr Simon Thomson, Marie Linscott, Mervyn Sennett, Liz Murphy, Tim Davies, Dinah Kennedy.

1. *Opening prayer*

The meeting opened with a prayer.

2. *Previous minutes*

The previous minutes were agreed.

3. *Open actions and matters arising*

Action 35.01: Nicky Stevens owns a shredder and has said she would be prepared to store it here in the shed so it is available when needed.

Action 35.02: The date of the sponsored walk is very soon and we do not yet know where we can have our get-together afterwards. John to follow this up with Tim **Action 36.01 John Marcotti.**

Action 35.04: This has not yet been done because I do not have the photos.

Action 35.06: In progress. Most of the regular attendees of Good Shepherds have provided their phone numbers. Action should stay open a while longer incase any more people come forward.

Action 32.04: Hedi is prepared to organise an occasional working party. On discussion, we did not feel working parties to be the right solution. We suggested changing Hedi's terms of reference to be more of a 'head gardener', directing the work of Steven Davies. Janine offered to discuss this with Hedi **Action 36.02 Janine Kilroy.**

Action 26.05: We don't know if this has been done and we don't know the contact details of the blacksmith in question. Janine will get contact details of the blacksmith who does work at St Mary's **Action 36.03 Janine Kilroy.** Patrick will get a quote from a contact of his in Scotland (Patrick visits there regularly) **Action 36.04 Patrick Wilson.**

4. *New chairman*

Patrick Wilson was elected our new chairman.

5. *Dates of meetings*

There was some discussion about the best dates to have our meetings – the second Wednesday is not convenient for some people. We decided to switch to the first Wednesday instead (subject to Fr Simon's agreement), with immediate effect. **Action 36.05 John Marcotti**

6. *Harvest festival*

Subject to Fr Simon's agreement we would like to hold a Harvest Festival, in favour of The Vine. We discussed some dates and proposed the second Sunday in October **Action 36.06 John Marcotti** to confirm with Fr Simon, and arrange a notice in the bulletin.

We will ask Tim to make an announcement at Mass the week before **Action 36.07 John Marcotti**

7. *Christmas*

We would like to have a Mass on Christmas Eve as usual. Patrick will speak to Fr Simon. **Action 36.08 Patrick Wilson**

We will ask Marie whether Santa will visit on the first Sunday of Advent and give gifts of Advent calendars.

Janine will not be here at Christmas so will try to find an organist.

On the 4th Sunday of Advent we will have mulled wine and mince pies after Mass.

8. *Fr Simon's microphone*

The microphone sometimes cuts out while Fr Simon is talking. Patrick will find somebody to look at it. **Action 36.09 Patrick Wilson**

9. *Purificator cloths*

We will ask Nicky Stevens if she can make us some purificator cloths. **Action 36.10 Cathy Gathergood**

10. *Any Other Business*

10.1 *Sponsor a student*

Funding is being sought to sponsor students to work with Fr Dominic in Nigeria. The amount of money per student is considerable so perhaps a number (10?) of sponsors can be found. Patrick will ask Tony Murphy if he can lead this initiative. **Action 36.11 Patrick Wilson**

10.2 *Porch*

There is very little space in the porch for all the pamphlets and leaflets. We will try to find a wall-mounted rack that in which some of them can be stored. **Action 36.12 Patrick Wilson**

10.3 *New parishioners*

We are seeing more and more new faces. We invite new parishioners to fill in a form for the parish office, but what then? At one time we used to visit new parishioners and take them a small gift such as a plant, in order to welcome them and provide general information about the parish. We decided to reinstate this practice. Cathy will set up a Welcoming group. **Action 36.13 Cathy Gathergood**

10.4 *Gift Aid*

Carole has been told by Nigel Vince that since many people donate by standing order, the number of people using the weekly envelopes has gone down. Also, the tax relief we get from the weekly envelopes issued to those people who use standing orders is very low. The question therefore arises as to whether the benefit gained from the envelopes is worth the cost of providing them. This may be just something to monitor for the time being, and possibly to discuss with Mervyn (our treasurer).

10.5 *Compost heap*

We were unsure whether the compost heap is leaning right up against the fence (which won't do the fence any good) or whether there is a barrier between them. We will check with Nicky about whether there is a barrier between the compost heap and the fence. Or ask Steven Davies to have a look.

11. *Closing prayer*

The meeting closed with a prayer.

12. *Dates of next meetings*

Meetings for the remainder of this year (the third Wednesday of alternate months) are as follows:

18th November.

Each meeting will be held at the church and will start at 7:30pm.

13. *New and open actions*

Action Number	Description and update	Actionee	Status
36.01	Speak to Tim Davies about arrangements for the sponsored walk. <i>Post-meeting note: The Methodist hall is not available that day because of their Harvest Festival the following day, and St John's would charge us for the use of theirs. There was a suggestion that we could picnic on the common, but there is the risk of bad weather. Since we don't have anywhere for</i>	John Marcotti	Open

	<i>our social afterwards, and there is very little time left to prepare a route, arrange catering and transport, and tell people about it, we have decided to postpone the walk until sometime in the spring.</i>		
36.02	Ask Hedi if she would be prepared to take on the role of being responsible for the garden, while having Steven Davies to do the work	Janine Kilroy	Open
36.03	Get a quote for the votive candle stand from the blacksmith at St Mary's	Janine Kilroy	Open
36.04	Get a quote for the votive candle stand from Patrick's blacksmith friend in Scotland	Patrick Wilson	Open
36.05	Check with Fr Simon whether we can move our meetings to the first Wednesday of alternate months instead of the second Wednesday.	John Marcotti	Open
36.06	Check with Fr Simon about a date for the Harvest Festival and get a notice put into the bulletin. <i>Post-meeting note: Fr Simon has agreed we can hold the Harvest Festival on 11th October.</i>	John Marcotti	Open
36.07	Ask Tim to make an announcement at Mass about the Harvest Festival.	John Marcotti	Open
36.08	Speak to Fr Simon about arrangements for a Christmas Mass.	Patrick Wilson	Open
36.09	Get somebody to check out Fr Simon's microphone.	Patrick Wilson	Open
36.10	Ask Nicky Stevens if she would make some purificator cloths	Cathy Gathergood	Open
36.11	Ask Tony Murphy to lead the initiative to 'Sponsor a Student'	Patrick Wilson	Open
36.12	Find a wall-mounted rack (or at least a catalogue) that we can use in the porch	Patrick Wilson	Open
36.13	Set up a Welcomers group to visit new parishioners	Cathy Gathergood	Open
35.04	Put photos from Christ the King School on the website	John Marcotti	Open
35.05	Speak to contacts at Hart District Council about planning for our proposed extension	Tim Davies	Open
35.06	Ask people for their mobile phone numbers for use for Good Shepherds announcements	John Marcotti	Open
33.03	Speak to Penny Farncombe about re-gilding one of the chalices.	Tim Davies	Open
32.03	Consult architects about the proposed extension.	Fr Simon	Open
32.04	Ask Hedi to be responsible for the garden.	Janine Kilroy	Open
26.05	Votive candle stand – contact the blacksmith (using details from Dinah Kennedy)	Richard	Open

14. *Closed actions*

Action Number	Description and update	Actionee	Status
35.01	Get a key to the garden shed for Steven Davies	Carole Johnson	Closed
35.03	Make Announcement at Mass about photos from Christ the King School and set up display in the porch.	Liz Murphy	Closed
35.02	Ask other churches in the village if we could use their church hall for our parish walk <i>See action 36.01</i>	Tim Davies	Closed