Minutes of Meeting of St.James P.C.C.
Monday 10 January 2011

Present: Rev. George Howard, Nick Burt, Carol Burt, Joan Botterill, Paula Thomas, Rev. Sue Clarke, Rev. Johan Allen, Sue Allen, Alan Hollamby, Anthony Herbert, Glynis Wilkinson, Steve Linton, Richard Reddie, Dave Ingram, Liz Gibbons, Pauline Pepperrell, Laura Knight, Judy Douglas, Neils Ribeiro, Chris Howard

1. Prayer and Welcome: George welcomed the members and the meeting opened in prayer.

2. Apologies: John Farebrother, Chris Hart

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:
6.2: 'Joint Youth Minister' should read 'Joint Youth Ministry'
Considered and accepted unanimously

4. Matters Arising:
4.1 FYC Report: Carol reported:

- Outreach work going well; group of about 15 young people being brought to the club regularly (Dennis, Becky and Stu engaged in this work)
- Star group (Refugees): Group has grown from 10 to 40/45, but now showing poor behaviour, some vandalism; possible partnership between Star Leaders and FYC staff is under discussion
- Lease: Needs to be settled. Chris Buss (FYC Treasurer) has recommendations and this should be sorted soon
- Mercer Fund bid was not successful, but with careful budgeting, outreach work can continue

4.4: Halls Update: Nick reported:

- Electrical work completed before Christmas
- Stage area tidied and safer
- Double Glazing in Lower Hall: work began today, should be finished by weekend
- Security grills have been removed to allow for work on windows; to re-instate will cost £1000:

Proposal: To share the cost of reinstatement of security grills between FYC and St James
Proposed by Nick, Seconded by Joan, agreed unanimously

- Some of old timbers to be recycled to help with refurbishment of Upper Hall windows
- Still awaiting grant for heating from Biffa
- George: wished to express the appreciation of the PCC to Marcus and Aaron for all their work on the Halls

4.2 Youth Worker Update: Nick reported:

- Due date for return of applications was 4/1/11
- 20 expressed interest; 8 have applied
- Short listing now taking place, 4 candidates will be interviewed
- A separate panel of young people will meet the candidates
- It is hoped that the candidates will also be able to interact with a wider group of young people

4.3 Administration: Nick reported:

- Job advertised, 10 have shown interest, 8 have applied
- Interviews will be on 24/1/11

5.0: Approval of Furzedown Churches Trust: Nick led the members though the document:

- Furzedown Churches Trust will employ the Youth Worker, and setting up the Trust was deemed the best way to do this
- In future, the 3 churches could employ someone or use funds jointly
- Suggested that each member Church appoints 2 Trustees (one clergy, one lay)
- Forming this Trust will benefit a whole future generation
- Nick asked for the following agreement to be made, so that the appointment of a Youth Worker could proceed

Proposal: That the Members of the PCC approve in principle the Memorandum and Articles of Association of Furzedown Churches Limited, and delegate to the Standing Committee the power to deal with the relevant details
Proposed by: Neils Ribeiro, Seconded by Dave Ingram, agreed unanimously

6. Finance:
6.1 Update on 2010: Nick reported:

- Budget close to breaking even this year
- Giving has increased
- Advent Gift Day: Including Gift Aid amounts to £11,100
- £3000 to go to St Thomas Church in Heideveld, South Africa for their Youth Ministry
- Balance of £8000 to ongoing ministry at St James
- Christmas collection of £750 to go to Knysna Education Trust, to support pre-school provision in local townships

6.3. Budget for 2011: Nick led the meeting through documents supplied:

- Discussion ensued, questions were answered
- Summary document was welcomed as very useful

Proposal: To accept the 2011 Budget

Proposed by Nick, Seconded by Joan, agreed unanimously

- Outline Budget for 2012 shows an increase; a Budget Working Group from PCC needs to analyse the data and report back to the meeting. George to appoint this group, to include Nick, Paula and 2 others

7. Future team Ministry in Furzedown: George reported:

- How could the relationship between St James, St Alban's and St Paul's be taken forward?
- Sue Clarke, Marc Richeux and George have met with Diocesan Secretary Andrew Lane and the Archdeacon, who is writing a Pastoral Scheme for the 3 parishes
- Under the model being considered, each church would keep its own P.C.C., but a Team Council would be created, to represent all 3 churches
- Andrew Lane and Stephen Roberts wish to meet in February with the group that would become the Team Council: essentially the Clergy and Church Wardens
- Discussion in each churches' P.C.C. would then follow, with a report back to the APCM in April
- There are serious issues to be raised, e.g. patronage and appointments
- This development should now be shared with the wider church family

8. A.O.B:

8.1: Church heating: John Farebrother raised concerns about the cold temperature in church; pointed out that broken windows need attention. Johan agreed that this discomfort can impede worship; Judy D reported that the D.C. teenagers describe church as 'cold'.

8.2: Bibles: Glynis requested that 12 unused Good News Bibles be donated to St Paul's for use in their children's ministry; this was agreed.

8.3: Gift to St Paul's: Thanks were expressed from St Paul's for the gift towards the refurbishment of their office space.

The meeting closed at 10.09 p.m.

Next meeting: 14th March

Further meeting dates for 2011: 9th May