

St. Andrew's and St. Peter's Church, Toller Porcorum

Meeting of the Parochial Church Council to be held at Orchard House 7.30pm on

Thursday January 28<sup>th</sup> 2016

1. Present: Keith Miller (Churchwarden), Thelma Billen, Pat Rutherford, Mike Boardman (Treasurer), Judy Miller, Rev David Baldwin (Rector), David Wallbridge, David Ennals (Churchwarden).
  
2. Apologies: Paddy Sherlock; Rev Brian Godfrey.
  
3. Approval of Minutes from the last meeting (held at Orchard House on November 5<sup>th</sup>): duly signed as a true record apart from one error paragraph 6 should be KM and not KW.
  
4. Matters Arising: MB suggested that any act booked for the Harvest Supper should be paid appropriately and proposed that we put aside a maximum of £100 for this purpose, this was agreed. JM thought the WI Choir would perform free of charge, but currently they have no pianist. If the W.I. turn down the invitation, JM will approach Chris Prideaux. PR wanted the PC to agree that the usual faithful caterers can claim expenses instead of being relied upon for their donations of food and time and expense for preparations. DE suggested that the Harvest Supper did provide an opportunity to 'evangelise' (not preaching) but others disagreed that this was not the place for such work. KS suggested that we try a 'Bring and Share Supper' but DE suggested we would end up with lots of low grade food e.g. crisps, peanuts, sausage rolls etc.; in the end the PCC agreed to plan for our usual high grade cuisine with claims to be expected. We all resolved to agree to the latter and it was also agreed that it was an important focus for fellowship.
  
5. Rector's Comments: DB thanked the PCC members for all their work. Easter Sunday (March 27<sup>th</sup>) service 11.00 am Eucharist. Good Friday service 10.00 am taken by DE and Judith Hansen. Ash Wednesday (Feb 10<sup>th</sup>) 10.00 am Holy Communion with Ashes taken by DB or Rev Jo. Team Council to be asked to agree to an interim policy for Baptism. DB read the letter to the PCC that would be part of the policy and all agreed that its contents were most appropriate as it focuses on commitment to the involvement in the church's life to the benefit of the child especially, but also to the benefit of family, relatives and friends.
  
6. Reports:

Financial: MB tabled a report, giving full information on all the accounts. DB thanked MB for his comprehensive report. The accounts have been signed off by the Examiner (Mr B. Ridley), and the PCC has approved them for presentation at the APCM.

Synod: next meeting is Feb 8<sup>th</sup>.

Team Council: next meeting is Feb 4<sup>th</sup>.

Building: Repairs to roof and windows completed. KM very pleased with the roofer

(Emson Ltd) and stonemason (Ben Sabren). Both highly recommended!

7. Planning for future services: Sunday 11.00am Feb 14<sup>th</sup> (Valentine's Day) broadly organised; hymns on love to be organised by TB; Mothering Sunday 3.30pm March 6<sup>th</sup> KM liaising PS re flower bunches.
  
8. Future events and dates: Village Breakfast on Saturday Feb 27<sup>th</sup>. Planning for APCM in hand. Auction of Promises being planned for September but must not clash with Harvest Supper (but this is usually in October). Harvest Festival September 25<sup>th</sup> 11.00 am. Plant Sale May 14<sup>th</sup> is the proposed date.
  
9. Any other business: none.
  
10. Date of Next Meeting: APCM Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 0845.