

West Swindon & the Lydiards Church Partnership

Meeting of PC on 07 May 2009 at 11 Parr Close, Grange Park.

Present:			
Chair: Treasurer: Secretary: Ecumenical Team Leader	Dick Gray Dick Gray Lesley Franklin	St Mary's:	Pat Watson
All Saints:	Tudor Roberts Simon Belcher Mary Poole	Toothill:	Anne Carter Dave Carter Ruth Kiddle
Holy Trinity:	John Ridsdale Janet Clarke	Westlea:	Peter Gilder
Staff			
In attendance:	Brenda Hicks (Minutes)		
Apologies:	Chris Scarisbrick; Julie Scarisbrick; Craig Tranfield (after meeting)		
Not Present:			

1. Opening Prayers:

Opening Prayer was followed by a reading from 1 Peter 1: 3-9

2. Welcome:

3. Apologies for absence:

Chris Scarisbrick; Julie Scarisbrick

4. Matters for AOB

Thank you to Lesley for her hospitality.

Letter for Oxford Pembroke College – Sponsors for West Swindon and the Lydiards. Would like to be released from membership of board due to streamlining. Lesley is replying that there is no problem and to go ahead. **Action: LF to reply**

5. Minutes of PC meeting 30th March. (DG)

Take them as read. DG to provide link.

6. Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda.

Dick actioned - 4 denominations re Reps to Covenant Service.

Web team Chris Scarisbrick and Dave Carter are meeting.

Lesley notified of the next meeting date for St Mary's 11 June 8.00pm in the stable room.

Chris Dobson is the Ecumenical Officer who will be looking into whether it is worthwhile to place a Minister in Partnership and St Mary's. He will discuss the issue with St Mary's MLT.

7. Progress on our goals.

7a Equip and Encourage (AC & TR)

Anne and Tudor are looking at 2 aspects

1 Traditional, discovering Alpha, Freedom of Christ.

2 How to equip Churches – Counselling on Parenting, Money and Stress busting.

Due to currently full diaries it was decided to plan and gather background in preparation for 2010. There is an Parenting Skills person in West Swindon. Stress busting does have a group doing a Saturday workshop putting on courses Jan, Feb and March next year. There is enthusiasm for a whole weekend children's conference at the end of the year.

7b Bible and Spirituality

Ideas were put forward for promotion; a Bible quiz in the Partnership Magazine each month; cover to cover – working through the Bible chronologically. Janet and Dick Gray run a summer course on the "remembered Bible" and will prepare a course. Lyn Green takes a course 'how to engage with the Bible' in Woking.

Dick will go through resources.

7c Youth Work

Child Coordinator (Dave Carter) plans to set up visits with each group and pull them together to conference in January 2010. Shaw has a pot of money put by for training. G2G is not working and 3 Sundays have been cancelled recently. This needs to be seriously considered maybe a different day would benefit. Lesley Franklin would be interested if it was held on a different evening. Dave Carter is not prepared carry on after the summer holidays. There is a problem staffing Youth Activities in general.

All Saints Ignite group is going well on a Sunday and the group is growing.

8. Financial Status (DG)

Financial information was handed out. All Saints had an impressive result. St Mary's are expecting a refund at the end of the year. It was mentioned that the current recession has sharpened peoples' minds for Charities.

8a Maggie's Cottage

the PCC agreed that, subject to checks on some definitions and the formal approval by All Saints Leadership Team (on 11 May) the Transfer Document should be approved for signatures...'

Julian has told me this will open the door to processing a useful 'Reaching Communities' grant application via the Diocese and David Hargrave, which I think you are also referring to PCC? That's why we've focussed our recent SC discussions etc on the Transfer Document of course.

Letter from Julian Wright to Bristol Diocese Board of Finance was read out asking for approval in applying to Reaching Community Programme for a grant of £20,000. The PC committee were all in favour of the application. The legal status is virtually there. The people supervising will be the All Saints Leadership team. The Diocese will be the new owners and we the (PC) will be the managing trustees.

9. Review and Ministry

The Diocesan review is under way. Chris Dobson and George Rendell have met the Staff Team and will meet with St Mary's MLT and Partnership Council. It is hoped a report can be ready by the Summer.

10. Any other Business

Authorisation for new Church Wardens

Thursday 14th May at Wroughton Parish Church for Service at 7.30pm.

New Membership

New constitution concerning multiple membership not going through Confirmation needs approval of PC. Multiple membership forms to be revised.

All Saints Garden Party Saturday 11 July in the grounds of the Manor House more details to follow.

Saturday 9 May Partnership walk from Marlborough through Westwoods.

Saturday 16 May The Mix at Shaw Village Centre.

Saturday 3 October Partnership Gospel Evening, Mike Dilly will be guest speaker 7.00pm HTS Church Hall.

Next Partnership Service is at Toothill Church.

August Partnership Service is at Lydiard Millicent

11. Date of Next Meeting.

Next PC meeting will be Monday 6 July 8.00pm (7.30pm for prayer) at the Stable room St Mary's.

12. Closing Prayer

Led by Revd.Tudor Roberts.