West Swindon and the Lydiards Church Partnership
Notes from Standing Committee
Thurs May 26th 2011

1. Welcome and Prayers
2. Apologies.

None. Dick, Sue, Tudor, Dave and Chris all pres

3. Notes of SC 2 March

4. Matters arising, not elsewhere

5. Financial report
   As expected.
   Emerge: Lots of youth work grants. Because of the grant from Greenbelt they made £500 profit.
   Monahans almost done with the inspection of 2010s accounts. Sue will fill in the Diocesan return. Chris will fill in the CC annual return to accompany.
   HMRC negotiation about tax efficient giving, in progress.
   Colour printer to be donated to the office, is also being investigated. Brenda is on the case.

6. Partnership Goals
   - Buildings
     - ASLM looking at putting a toilet in the boiler room, and a smaller boiler elsewhere. Also sound system is a bit dodgy. Visual projector also planned.
     - Toothill having heating system flushed, also looking at replacing the accessible chairs needed for people who need arms on their chairs
     - SMLT have kicked off their appeal
     - HTS doors working reasonably well. Craig looking at further grant applications.
   - Lay people in leadership
     Healthy church at Westlea – very healthy – much to mull through and work over
     ASLM 24 hours away, very good at building relationships, not so much on vision statement, but longer term benefits expected.
     Pastoral skills course

   - Youth and children
     - Thrive is happening – TGIF plus a few. Sort-of confirmation course. Getting 6-12
     - Tudor passed round a paper on Children taking communion before confirmation. For thought and future discussion
     - Messy church is going well, average age is going up.
     - Partnership service will commission and recognise those who have completed the Pastoral skills course, and Partnership Council (who-ever's there)

7. Agenda PC 18 July

- Goals progress
- Finance
- New stationery
- Charity Commission annual return. (need name as well as signature)

8. Constitution and CC reg
   - New logo – nothing yet, will be mentioned at joint service.

9. Ministry
   - Tricias appointment
     1. Tricias licensing is at the end of the confirmation service
   - Annes review
     1. 2 churches need to be informed, and asked their opinions. Dick to write to Nicky H and Steve K giving them parameters.
   - Annes sabbatical starts 29 June. Pastoral cover Toothill will use pastoral team + Clive as backup), HTS will use pastoral team eg Alison, (and Mike D as backup)

10. Youth work issues

    Nothing

    Imogens approval of placement, still in process.

11. Childrens work

    Nothing

    Lunchtime club starting at Lydiard Millicent School

    ASLM Sunday school would like to get together with other Sunday schools (5-11 ages)

12. AOB

    Parsonage house at LM – Chris to write back and approve the admin move, but express the desire for Diocese to be clear about the extensive utility of that house, and its essential character given the lack of facilities in the church building and village.

13. Date of next meeting
    - 15 Sept