

**PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST OSWALD, BURGHEFIELD**  
**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 5 January 2012**

**Present:** Alison Harlen, Brenda Neeves, Irene Perry, Midge Robinson, Jenny Smith, Greg Vickers, Brian Wharton, Katherine Whitehouse, Yvey Treadgold

	<b>ACTION</b>
<p><b>1. WELCOME</b>  Greg Vickers welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a prayer.</p> <p><b>2. APOLOGIES:</b> Paul Barras, Denise Dobbie, Maria Lambourne</p> <p><b>3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</b>  The minutes were agreed and signed as correct.</p> <p><b>Matters arising:</b></p> <p><i>Carol Service at St Oswald's</i>  Very successful and enjoyed by everyone. Thanks to Midge, Katherine and others who had helped.  A poster had been made and submitted to the Parish Office in November but did not appear in the Bulletin.</p> <p><i>Christmas Giving Tree</i>  This had been well supported – many thanks to Midge and Katherine for all their work – and to Greg for providing the tree.</p> <p><i>Laminated Forward Planner</i>  Thanks to Brenda for organising and putting up at the back of the church.</p> <p><b>4. FORWARD PLANNING</b></p> <p><i>Quiz Night/Fish and Chip Supper</i>  To be held on Friday 27 January at 7.30 pm in the Leonard Rooms. Bruce Neeves to run Quiz; Jenny will organise food, etc, with help from Katherine and others.  Brenda to make poster. Charge: £9 each to include a glass of wine. There will be a box in the porch for people to bring raffle prizes. Greg to ask for volunteers (Fr Dermot to announce).  Notice to be placed in the Bulletin.</p> <p><i>Lent Lunches</i>  Jenny to ask Jane Steeds whether she would be prepared to organise these lunches, to start on the first Friday in Lent, 24<sup>th</sup> February.</p> <p><i>St Oswald's Day</i>  Shared lunch to be arranged on Sunday 26 February. Jenny offered to organise.  News Bulletin.  Brian to make poster.</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>B Neeves  K Whitehouse  J Smith  G Vickers</p> <p>I Perry</p> <p>J Smith</p> <p>J Smith  I Perry  B Wharton</p>

## 5. DEACON JOHN

The situation regarding Deacon John was discussed by the committee. Notes in the Minutes File.

## 6. AGM

Greg to ask Fr Dermot whether the AGM could be held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March after Mass.

Two members of the committee have completed three years of service and are due to stand down: Greg Vickers and Katherine Whitehouse. Lisa Bewick resigned last summer. This will leave only five members of the committee: I Perry, P Barras, M Lambourne, D Dobbie and A Harlen. There are therefore four places to fill, two of these to be Youth members if possible. As we need a representative for Children's Liturgy, it was suggested that Katherine could remain on the committee as an *ex officio* member if she agreed. Brenda has been working with the committee by invitation and it was therefore suggested that she could stand for election if she wished.

Unfortunately no one wanted to take on the position of Vice Chair. Greg kindly offered to remain on the committee if there were not enough new members. Prospective members to be canvassed as soon as possible. Jenny to ask Jane Steeds; Irene to ask Austin Colaco and Paul Paniccia. Pat Lucas was asked, but declined, stating that he was willing to help wherever he could outside the committee.

It was agreed to ask for suggestions for our new Charity for the Year before the AGM, so that it could be agreed and announced at the AGM.

## 7. FOLK MASS

More musicians and volunteers needed. Ideas were discussed, including:

- The use of CDs during Mass
- Familiar hymns that the congregation could join in. Use of microphone at the lectern for singing Psalms
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Greg and Midge to speak to Fr Dermot.

### *Christmas Day Mass 2011*

People had commented that there was only one carol and the hymns were unknown. This Mass should appeal especially to those who seldom come and to young people.

## 8. FINANCE

Brian had prepared a draft annual finance report for the AGM. It was based on the unaudited Parish Accounts made available at the last Finance Committee meeting in November. The final audited accounts will not be available until near the end of February.

## 9. TIM/CHURCHES TOGETHER

### *Coffee Shop*

The Coffee Shop will be open one morning per week in the Burghfield Methodist Hall from 9 am until 1 pm, starting at the end of January. Two volunteers were needed from

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<p>each Church (Greg to ask). No decision had yet been made on the requested £7.50 per week (or one off £500 donation) from St Oswald's, although Fr Dermot had asked that this decision be made by the Finance Committee. A Food Hygiene course would take place on Wednesday 11 January from 10-12 noon and any volunteers should attend. No charge involved. Greg to ask for volunteers.</p>	G Vickers
<p><b>Christian Unity Week 15-22 January</b></p>	
<p>Unity Service at Burghfield Methodist Church at 6.30 pm on Sunday 22 January. [Bulletin]</p>	I. Perry
<p>There would be a half-hour prayer meeting held at various churches throughout the week; St Oswald's session would be from 1030 – 1100 on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January. [ News Bulletin.]</p>	I Perry
<p><b>Next Churches Together Meeting</b></p>	
<p>To be held in the Leonard Rooms on Monday 16 January.</p>	
<p><b>School Pastors</b></p>	
<p>Volunteers needed to work as School Pastors one day a month for four hours. Pastors work in a similar way to Street Pastors and help children with worries about bullying, etc.</p>	
<p><b>Breakfast</b></p>	
<p>The next Breakfast would be held at St Mary's, Sulhamstead at 8.30 am on Saturday 28 January.</p>	
<p><b>10. YOUTH</b></p>	
<p>The Youth Advent Retreat had had to be cancelled as two adults supporting it were not available and the back up adult was not able to support. Also, the Confirmation Programme could not go now go ahead. Midge had emailed Fr Pat, with a copy to Fr Dermot, but had not as yet had any reply.</p>	
<p><b>Tadpoles Party</b></p>	
<p>This was a great success. Deacon John led the prayers and Midge provided the music.</p>	
<p><b>11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p>	
<p>Brian questioned the reporting of offertory collections in the Bulletin. Individual collections did not cover standing orders – these figures are not straightforward. It was considered that these individual figures should not be given; one figure per month is all that was needed. Fr Dermot to be asked to take it to the PPC.</p>	G Vickers
<p><b>12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p>	
<p>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm in the Leonard Rooms.</p>	