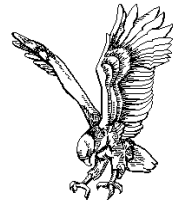


# Parish of St. John the Divine – Rastrick



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## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2011

### Present:

Rev. Matthew Pollard (Chairman)	Cherry Fancourt	Dianne Bates
Rev. Stephen Hannam	Christine Whittaker	Hilary McCarthy
Christine James (minutes)	Roger Ellis	Barbara Rukin
Alan Hoggard	Soo Sykes	

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| <p><b>1 Opening Prayer</b><br/>Rev. Matthew Pollard led the meeting in Evening Prayer for Epiphany including a reading from Genesis 8 v 1 –14 read by Soo Sykes.</p>   |  |
| <p><b>2 Apologies for Absence</b><br/>Apologies were received from Graham Readshaw, Richard Mason, Pat Lee, Glenys Kendall and Simon Day.</p>  |  |
| <p><b>Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2010 Meeting</b></p>   |  |
| <p><b>3</b> Matthew Pollard proposed that the minutes were accepted. These were approved from members who were present at the November PCC meeting. Rev. Matthew Pollard signed the Minutes. The minutes can be published.</p>   |  |
| <p><b>4 Matters Arising</b><br/><b>Administrator</b><br/>Matthew Pollard reported that he had had a meeting with representatives from St Matthew’s regarding a shared administrator. John Mothersdale and Brian Spence from St Matthew’s would like to meet with St John’s to discuss our requirements. It was decided that before this meeting takes place Matthew Pollard, Christine James, Richard Mason, and Alan Hoggard will meet to decide exactly what we require. It was felt that Church members already give of their time and talents voluntarily and may feel hurt if a paid administrator took on their duties. It was felt that an administrator would be helpful in communications and may be helpful to assist Matthew.</p> <p><b>Organ Fund</b><br/>A member asked for clarity on the required repairs to the organ and felt that we should keep Pam ‘on board’ with developments. Matthew replied that John Clough, an independent organ repairer, had stated that the re-leathering will cost around £3,850 and the repair requires attention within the next few months.</p> <p><b>Notice Board</b><br/>The core group will keep the notice board up to date.</p> | <p><b>MP</b><br/><b>CJ</b><br/><b>RM</b><br/><b>AH</b></p> |
| <p><b>5 Reports from PCC sub committees</b><br/>Alan’s group, looking at giving in Church is hoping to meet before February’s PCC. It was noted that future changes in tax relief and personal tax changes would affect monies from giving.<br/>Hilary McCarthy reported on a positive meeting held to discuss the Beer Festival to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> September/ 1<sup>st</sup> October. People from outside the</p>  |  |

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6	<p data-bbox="209 190 528 217"><b>Fund Raising Events</b></p> <p data-bbox="209 226 1321 517">Roger circulated a spreadsheet (prepared by Richard Mason) of events already suggested. Christine James will email the sheet to absent members asking for their suggestions. Members were encouraged to suggest ideas before the end of January. Matthew will speak to Pam Dimpleby regarding the concert to be held for the recording of the CD. Clarification on the date of the concert Anne Beaumont is organising is needed. The PCC will look at all the suggestions and focus on the most feasible ideas. Barbara is trying to contact Cynthia Smith regarding the organisation of the art festival.</p>	<p data-bbox="1350 190 1401 253"><b>CJ</b> <b>MP</b></p> <p data-bbox="1350 450 1401 477"><b>BR</b></p>
7	<p data-bbox="209 557 464 584"><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p data-bbox="209 593 1321 701">Email from Oriel Kelly regarding forthcoming trip to Mara, 17<sup>th</sup> March – 27<sup>th</sup> March. The group is to consist of Oriel, Margaret Ellis, Stephen and Jennifer Guy.</p> <p data-bbox="209 710 1321 772">Letter and donation from Ken Mayhew from the sale of Marie’s Poems. £100 raised, £50 for Church and £50 for Dementia charities.</p> <p data-bbox="209 781 1321 1028">Email from Graham Readshaw explaining the problems and his involvement with the blocked sewers at the church Hall. As Graham had taken time from work to deal with this matter he gave apologies for his absence as he was making up his lost time. Matthew explained that we are hoping for clarity as to what has caused this problem. Soo Sykes expressed her thanks to Graham for his care and assistance in ensuring the Brownies and Rainbows had access to a toilet at their meeting.</p>	
8	<p data-bbox="209 1068 416 1095"><b>Electoral Roll</b></p> <p data-bbox="209 1104 456 1131">Nothing to report.</p>	
9	<p data-bbox="209 1171 480 1198"><b>Health and Safety</b></p> <p data-bbox="209 1207 1321 1279">Matthew is still to send a letter to officially confirm that Laurence Dowson is the named Health and Safety Officer.</p>	<b>MP</b>
10	<p data-bbox="209 1319 384 1346"><b>Core Group</b></p> <p data-bbox="209 1355 1321 1686">Billy Elliott and Lent groups are being organised. A Beetle Drive is to be held as a Shrove Tide event Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March. An awayday at Heatherwood is to be held 18th June. A Labyrinth in Church is being planned during Lent. It is anticipated that the Church will be open on a couple of occasions during the week. The Core group is discussing the expansion of prayer ministry with rotas on a weekly basis. A Hospitality evening to thank, train and encourage involvement will be arranged. Matthew said we should be encouraged by the ‘fun events’ being arranged and planned. We should not let our anxieties overcome the joy of being together as God’s people.</p>	<b>MP</b>
11	<p data-bbox="209 1727 328 1753"><b>Finance</b></p> <p data-bbox="209 1762 1321 1906">The recommended budget that had been approved at November’s meeting is still valid subject to anticipated fund raising events. The ‘events list’ will be open until 30<sup>th</sup> January. The Hall roof has been repaired. £557 was collected from the Christingle services, which is up from 2009.</p>	
12	<p data-bbox="209 1946 560 1973"><b>Recommended Budget</b></p> <p data-bbox="209 1982 943 2018">Accepted except for anticipated fund raising events.</p>	
13	<p data-bbox="209 2089 424 2116"><b>Hall Bookings</b></p>	

February's Hall bookings from Rod have been circulated to members.

### **Growing together in Rastrick Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> January**

Barbara gave a report of the meeting. She asked the PCC to agree to pay the remaining £75 for Celebrating Rastrick before the end of February. 26 organisations will be involved. Doreen Davies will be asking for stewards for our Church's allotted time of 3 – 4 pm on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March. There will be no main Sunday service at St John's. The service will be at the High School. Material for the Lent groups had been discussed and it was proposed that 'Bible Fresh' would be used. Stephen Hannam is to arrange group hosts, leaders and signing up details. Stephen will also arrange a 'reflective time' to run alongside the groups. It was reported that the Christingle services at the Churches were well attended and Matthew said that at our churches 600 people had used the Christingle services as part of their worship for Christmas.

### **14 Celebrating Rastrick**

Julia Tum will be responsible for organising the refreshments and Doreen Davies our steward duties. The core group has responsibilities for the setting up and manning of the Church stall. Barbara and John Mothersdale have been to look at the venue at RHS, which will be in the New Technology Suite.

### **15 Dates for the diary/fund raising**

10<sup>th</sup> February Deanery Synod – St Martin's

5<sup>th</sup> March Shrove Tide Event - Beetle Drive

15<sup>th</sup> March Tuesdays' for 5 weeks Lent Lunches + Labyrinth in Church 10.30 – 12.00 before the lunch.

19<sup>th</sup> March Tabletop Sale

20<sup>th</sup> March Parade Sunday

26/27<sup>th</sup> March Celebrating Rastrick

21<sup>st</sup> May Music concert (Anne Beaumont)

24<sup>th</sup> May Hospitality Evening

18<sup>th</sup> June Away Day – Heatherwood

20/27<sup>th</sup> September, 4/11 October – Harvest Lunches

30<sup>th</sup> Sept/1<sup>st</sup> Oct – Beer Festival

1<sup>st</sup> Dec Christmas Lunch

### **16 Any Other Business**

Roger has arranged a meeting with the cleaner. Agenda item for February. **RE**

Roger asked members to consider paying for a gardener as the groups who tidy the Church precincts are ageing. He felt that this could be put as a specific call to the congregation and funding kept separate. Agenda item for February. **PCC**

Roger had concerns regarding Diocesan changes and felt that we needed feedback as a PCC so that our views could be made known to the 'decision makers.' Matthew said that there would be a meeting and communication regarding this issue.

Roger asked if any action had been taken regarding monies that had been promised to the Church from a specific bereavement. This had been previously discussed at a Standing committee meeting.

The PCC were reminded of the forthcoming APCM on 10<sup>th</sup> April and the organisation that this entails. There are 6 PCC members whose election ends in April and the election of Church Wardens. The responsibility for the booklet and reports need to be considered no later than the next PCC meeting.

**17 Date and time of next meeting**

The next PCC meeting will be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2011 in the Sturrock Room.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm with the Grace

Christine James  
PCC Secretary