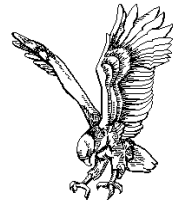


# Parish of St. John the Divine – Rastrick



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## Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2010

### Present:

Rev. Matthew Pollard (Chairman)	Cherry Fancourt	Glenys Kendall
Rev Stephen Hannam	Christine Whitaker	Hilary McCarthy
Christine James (minutes)	Richard Mason	Barbara Rukin
Roger Ellis	Dianne Bates	Simon Day
Graham Readshaw	Pat Lee	

### Ref

### Action

#### 1 Opening Prayer

Rev. Matthew Pollard led the meeting in Evening Prayer including a reading from John 16 vs 1-15 read by Graham Readshaw.

#### 2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Soo Sykes and Alan Hoggard.

#### Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2010 Meeting

3 Matthew Pollard proposed that the minutes were accepted. These were approved with 1 abstention from a member who was absent at the September PCC meeting. Rev. Matthew Pollard signed the Minutes. The minutes can be published with amendments.

#### 4 Matters Arising

**Wine Jug:** Barbara Rukin reported that the jeweller is investigating the possibility of making a simple repair to the jug so that the jug could be used for display. The jug is only worth the value of the silver.

**BR**

**Parade Services:** Christine Whittaker asked if a decision regarding the Parade Sundays had been finalised and asked when the February service would be held as the third Sunday in the month is half term. Matthew Pollard replied that arrangements had been agreed for 'the boys' but the February service may have to be reconsidered. Matthew said that he has been working with the Scouts on their Faith Badges. He reported that as yet no decision has been made regarding Parade Services for 'the girls'.

**Organ:** Richard Mason reported that money from The Fabric Fund could be used for repairs to the Organ as the fund can be used for future repairs to the Church. This would enable grants to be used for more costly organ repairs. Graham Readshaw said he felt we should look at grants and find out if applying for grants now would jeopardise any grants applied for in the future. Cherry Fancourt said that grants received for the Organ would be restricted whereas the Fabric Fund could be used for other work. It was agreed that Richard would ask Julia Tum to research grants for the next PCC meeting.

**RM**

#### 6 Shared Administrator

Matthew said that in the past (before he was Vicar), St Matthews has had an administrator and he felt there could be advantages in having talks with St

Matthew's regarding sharing an administrator for St John's Hall. Matthew will discuss this at a meeting with St Matthew's. The working group for St John's hall will discuss this proposal regarding requirements, costs etc over the next few months.

## 7 Reports from Sub Committees

Nothing to report

## 8 Entertainment Licence

Graham is pursuing the licence and reported that everything is in place for the Pantomime. He also reported that the heating and the fire extinguishers had been checked this week. Regarding the heating Graham had concerns that the heating in Church keeps failing and Mallinson's have been repeatedly called out. He felt that the situation needs monitoring.

## 9 Hall Repair

Richard reported that signs of damp have been noticed by the stage as a result of water leaking from the roof. 'H I C' have agreed to carry out internal work once the damage has been made water tight. Roger said that Graham Kelly has done a lot of work under the stage and feels that he need thanking with a letter signed by the Vicar. Graham Readshaw reported that the loft ladder in the 'first room' is not strong enough and cannot be used at present unless someone is on hand to hold it firm. Ken Swallow has repaired it on numerous occasions. Ken has said that a more substantial ladder costing around £70 + the cost of fixing, is needed. He has agreed to fix it if the PCC gave agreement to purchase the ladder. The PCC agreed that Ken should go ahead.

## 10 Brighouse and Rastrick Churches Together

Barbara reported on the meeting she had attended. Amongst the items discussed were dates for future events, Christian Unity in January, a Bible Course (Bible Fresh) for use in Lent, Posters for Easter and Christmas and the possibility of interviews by Pulse Radio at the Church Stall at Brighouse Gala.

## 11 Growing Together In Rastrick

Barbara reported on the meeting she had attended at the Vicarage. She said 'Celebrating Rastrick' (March 25 - 27) had been discussed. There are now 5 Churches in the group as Elim Church is taking part. Official Invitations will be sent out to dignitaries including the Mayor, MP, Councillor and Helen Lennie. David Pitts will be contacted regarding publicity. There will be a financial contribution of £100 from each of the 5 churches. £25 to be paid now and the balance to be paid at a later date. Matthew explained that there would be a celebration Service at Rastrick High School on Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup>. At the Worship Leader's Group it had been decided that people should be encouraged to attend the 10.30 service at the High School, therefore there would be no 9.00 or 10.15 services at St John's. Both Roger and Graham voiced their concerns regarding the 9.00 service. Roger said he felt people would stay at home instead of attending the service at RHS. Matthew said he took the points raised on board and after hearing their concerns decided there would be a service at 9.00. He may have to come back on this later.

## 12 Deanery Synod

Matthew commended Cherry's written report of the meeting, which had been circulated.

**13 Correspondence**

Nothing to report

**14 Electoral Roll**

Nothing to report

**15 Health and Safety**

Matthew informed the meeting that a named person was needed for the Health and Safety policy. Richard Mason is in the process of compiling the documents required by Calderdale Council for Sure Start. Roger and Graham will speak to Laurence Dowson to ascertain if he has any computerised files from the original policy. Richard said the Policy needed reviewing on an annual basis.

**16 Core Group**

Nothing to report.

**17 Missions and Charities**

Richard proposed that a donation of £100 be given to Bishop Hilkihah at the Celebration service for Mara. Two members of the committee thought that as a Church we already give generously to Mara on a monthly basis and that other countries are also in need. Another member said that by giving to Mara we were sure that the money went directly to where it was intended to go. Barbara proposed that £50 be given to Bishop Hilkihah's fund. Christine Whittaker seconded this proposal. There were 6 members in favour, 7 against and 1 abstention. The proposal was therefore defeated.

**18 Finance**

Richard reported on the accounts up to 30 September. Members had sight of his reports as treasurer. He reported that the Finance committee had approved work to be carried out on the lightning conductor as tests had shown that the earthing was inadequate. Richard said that Church income had held up relatively well considering the economic climate but the Church is running a projected deficit of approx £1000 a month and this cannot be sustained for much longer. There are still some fund raising events coming up but the Bag Pack at Sainsbury's has been postponed. Financially the Church Hall cannot be relied upon to help alleviate the Church's deficit as Blood Donor sessions could be cut by half next year losing £1500 in income. More fund raising is needed and Roger felt that people would give more freely to a specific named fund rather than general Church funds. Richard reported that the Hall accounts were ahead of budget but the repair work by the stage is still to be paid. A finance meeting will be arranged to set next years budget. Matthew thanked Richard for his report.

Roger raised questions regarding our quota of the Parish Share paid to the Diocese. He will raise this at the next PCC meeting as he feels that the Church is financially challenged and we should discuss our ability to pay 100% of our parish share. Graham asked how the Parish Share was calculated and wondered if there may be a reduced quota as a result of our reduced income and attendance.

**19 Hall Bookings**

Nothing to report as Rod is still to send a schedule for November.

**20 Dates for Diary/Fundraising**

Matthew reported that starting on 7<sup>th</sup> November until Easter we will have an Ordinand, John Owens, from the College of Resurrection at Mirfield on placement. It is expected that he will work between the two Churches mostly on a Sunday morning and at some services during the week. Matthew will inform parishioners in Church and in the magazine.

20<sup>th</sup> November Confirmation service in Wakefield Cathedral at 6 00pm. Three candidates from St John's – Jane Foley and Sue Sykes's daughters.

Matthew also said he will be away from the Parish for two weeks at the beginning of February as will be studying at Cambridge.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 240 pupils and staff from Rastrick High School will attend a Christingle Service in Church. A small number of Church members will be required for the service.

*Future Dates from 'Growing together in Rastrick':*

7 <sup>th</sup> November	Informal Service at St John's	6.30pm
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Fayre at St Matthew's (Organisations can book a stall)	
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Advent Service of Light at St Matthew's	6.30pm
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Accord Singers concert at St John's (To consist of readings and chamber music)	7.30pm in Church
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Bradford Community Choir at St Matthew's	7.00pm

*Future Dates from 'Churches Together'*

18 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Singing at Sainsbury's	10.00 – 12.00
23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2011	Service for Christian Unity at St Martin's	6.30pm

*Mothers Union*

5 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Goodies Stall
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**21 Any Other Business**

Barbara had a request from Muriel Coop to have a wall fitting fixed in church for the Verger's' Wand'. This was agreed and H I C will be liased with.

Graham said best wishes were sent from Terry Swinhoe.

**22 Date and time of next meeting**

The next PCC meeting will be held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November in the back room at 7.30 prompt.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm with the Grace

Christine James  
PCC Secretary