

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
PARISH OF GLYNCORRWG AND UPPER AFAN VALLEY
MINUTES OF ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

1ST APRIL 2014

1. **PRAYERS**

2. **PRESENT:**

Reverend Beverly Reaney (Chair)
Graham Stent (Vicar's Warden)
Les Jones (People's Warden)
Christine Boast
Polly Duffield
Anne Lloyd
Joyce Morris
Joan Newman
Rita Rawlings
Dilys Rogers

APOLOGIES:

Lorna Davies
Rosie Jones
Lynne Laskey
Tom Morgan

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL MEETING 19.5.2013 – Read and agreed as an accurate record.**

4. **PARISH REPORTS**

a. **Vicar's Report – Read and noted**

Main points: Bev thanked everyone who had helped and supported her since she became Priest in Charge of the Parishes of St. John's, Glyncorrwg and the Upper Afan Valley, with Caerau St Cynfelyn .

Stressed importance of children's involvement in our services, both in the choir and serving at the altar. Vicar very impressed with their enthusiasm and professionalism in both these areas. Bev also acknowledged contributions to the services made by Tom Morgan, Organist and Cyril Panes for administering the chalice at the Eucharist.

St. John's currently uses the 1984 version of the Holy Eucharist [Green Book]. However, the majority of the Church in Wales has moved away from this Order of Service to the 2004 version. It is Vicar's intention to try out the 2004 version later this year, followed by some discussion, prior to a decision being made. There will be no change to the musical setting as we already use music written for 2004 version.

Bev continues to build links with all schools in the area.

b. **Vicar's Warden's Report – Read and noted**

Main points: Graham highlighted various tasks which had been completed since the last meeting. Ongoing work includes checking on the state of the churchyard.

Notice has been placed in churchyard asking visitors not to leave litter, particularly glass, on ground to the north of the church.

Repairs to boundary wall have been delayed due to inclement weather but hopefully this work will be completed very soon.

Subject to faculty permission being obtained, future tasks included provision of seating and raised flower beds alongside church porch, surfacing of car park area, path to north door of church and seating/garden area in plot on north side of church. Discussions with personnel at Parc Prison, Bridgend have taken place with a view to this work being carried out by inmates. These young prisoners would also be available to work on projects inside the church.

In addition faculty permission is being sought for the removal of four pews from the west end [rear] of the church to allow better use of space in that area of church.

Graham thanked everyone for their help and support over the past year.

c. PEOPLE'S WARDEN'S REPORT – Read and noted.

Main points: Les continues to concentrate on the Seven Sacred Spaces programme, giving priority to:

*Chapter – how we jointly make and carry out decisions

*Library – opportunities to learn and develop spiritually

*Chapel and Cell – as continuing needs

*Garden – a priority which is progressing well and which we will continue to support.

Les commented on changes to the church building and grounds which are progressing, albeit slowly.

One matter of concern was that, although we continue to hold PCC meetings several times a year, there is no way for decisions day to day to be shared. However, we have agreed that Chapter is our first priority and must remain so during the year ahead.

Les thanked everyone for their support over the past year especially for their good wishes and prayers during his recent illness. He also commented that although his role as People's Warden has been interesting, he is hopeful that someone else will want to take on this role at the next Annual Vestry Meeting next year. On behalf of the meeting, Rita thanked Les for all his work and efforts during the first year of his role as People's Warden.

d. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2013 – Read and noted

Vicar went through Statement of Accounts 2013. Auditor had commented on the exemplary way in which accounts were being maintained. Meeting expressed sincere thanks and gratitude to Mrs Nancy Acteson, Treasurer, for her excellent work.

e. OTHER REPORTS

[i] CHOIR REPORT – Read and noted

Main points: Choir, though small, is very effective. Viv is a great asset and he and Tom work very well together. Since the arrival of Tom, Viv has been able to take on a more active role as choir teacher and conductor. Meeting expressed their thanks to everyone in the choir for the quality of the singing.

In addition to their musical services, the choir also provides a crucifer (Spencer), server (Erin), offertory procession and collection (Cadi, Amber, Scarlet and Spencer) and readers (Erin, Spencer, Lynne, Rosie and Les).

[ii] SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT – Read and noted

Main points: The Sunday School very successful. Children visiting church are very welcome. Lessons are structured around the Christian calendar. All work completed by Sunday School is available in album form at the back of the Church.

[iii] MISSION REPORT – Read and noted

Main points: Church members continue to visit the sick and bereaved. Anne and Bev regularly take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound in the Parish and those who are cared for in Tynant Nursing Home and Arwelfa Day Centre thereby maintaining their link with God and the Church.

St. John's continues to sponsor:-

Local Comprehensive School Community Awards,
A Ugandan child [Derek] through UCDF
Ty Hafan
Y Bont by donating unwanted clothing for recycling
Local Food Bank

5. ELECTIONS

Church Wardens –

Les unanimously elected as **People's Warden** for the next year.

Graham asked by Vicar Bev to be her **Vicar's Warden** for the next year.

Parochial Church Councillors

Nominees: Christine Boast, Polly Duffield, Anne Lloyd, Graham Stent, Dilys Rogers, Rita Rawlings, Joan Newman, Joyce Morris, Lorna Davies, Lynne Laskey. All nominations were proposed and seconded. Some members find it difficult to attend meetings on Tuesday evenings. PCC will look at possibly changing to a different day for PCC meetings.

Diocesan Conference Members

These meetings are held annually on the last Saturday in September, Graham Stent and Rita Rawlings volunteered and were unanimously elected.

Deanery Conference Member

Les Jones agreed to be nominated and was unanimously elected.

Meeting closed with prayers.