

St Mark's Church Leadership 8 September 2008

Venue - 179 Tyne Crescent

Present - . Rev Charles Royden, Re Dr Sam Cappleman, Mike Cooper, Ian Farthing, Laura Farthing, Delia Shephard, Morag Stewart, Avril Williams, Linda Parry (mins).

Helen Harpin – invited.

Mike welcomed Helen Harpin to report on behalf of pre-school.

Pre-school has 60+ hope to go up to 80. Down on funding but this will go up after Christmas when more children are funded. There are six spaces at present.

Extended hours have been working. Breakfast works very well. 48 children left in July for school, 28 stay for lunch. Staff are discussing ways to promote tea times. Holiday club went well 12 children.

Fund raising – for new large toys. Grants not available at the moment.

£254 raised from Tempest photos. There will be a Pampered Chef evening in September. Church will not charge for the use of the Wren room.

A pink day will be held for Cancer research in October.

There is to be a change of uniform. 2 staff starting courses one NVQ level 2 and one NVQ level 3. £75 to pay as part of a £1500 course.

Helen will be starting her degree course this year – a 2year course.

Still a problem with lighting in the hall – this should soon be rectified. Leak in roof near to door? large skylight?

Preschool would like to replace the notice boards in large Hall to plastic fronted ones – discussions with Wendy – costs may be in region of £1500 – no decisions made re funding.

Our thanks for all the hard work of the preschool staff were expressed to Helen on her departure.

The meeting opened and the minutes of the last meeting were agreed and passed.

Finance.

Church Account

21,959 – current

24,517 – reserve

Clubhouse

31,651

Churchyards

9,529.26

Organ fund -development

2,250

Andrew Upton to audit accounts

Thanks were expressed to Jim Williams for the ongoing most valuable work with Gift Aid.

Partnership Council

Stationing – final profile now with CLT.

Community Forum

Next meeting 9 September 12 noon.

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Next meeting 18 September

Circuit

Next meeting 22 September at Clapham Methodist church
6 November – meeting at Kempston East , with Ann Brown, for all three circuits to meet to inform about new areas.

Churchyards

All going well, apart from Columbaria which is slow.

Worship issues.

- Feedback on preaching still on-going.
- A new Banner is being produced for Back To Church Sunday.
- Liz Spavins wishes to bring the children who worked on the summer workshop to St Mark's to present their work. The first Sunday in October has been suggested. LPa to liaise.

Pastoral Support

This could be an area where we can use the Circuit money?

Social Events

Quiz evening October 4th. Tickets £5 Adults £3 children. Teams of 6-8 from 7.30pm.

Vision for Giving

Meeting 16th October St Andrew's

Archdeacon's visit

A good report was received.

AOB

Remembrance Sunday - Ask Vera Pearson to lay the wreath.

Harvest – contact pre-school and Guides.

Commemoration Service – 9th November.

Mission – MAF – 26th October – co-coordinator to talk to church. Sam to organize.

Christmas Fayre – money raised will go to the Hall and office refurb.

Card stall – Income £47.26 expenditure £20.56. Thanks to Milly for doing this. When the entrance is refurbished we may be able to move the book stall into the church. No books have been sold during this period and the sale of church notelets has been less of late.

PA system – mike clip lost . new mike will cost over £100.

Date of next meetings.

Monday November 24th 2008 at Morag's
Tuesday February 24th 2009