

St Mark's Church Leadership Team Minutes – Meeting held 24th February 2009 @ the Farthings

Present: M Cooper, L Farthing, A Williams, Rev C Royden, Rev. Dr. S Cappleman, K Bywater (by invitation) L Parry(mins).

Apologies : D Shephard, M Stewart, I Farthing.

Clubhouse

The meeting opened with a welcome to Karen as a representative of Clubhouse. Mike invited her to give a report for Clubhouse.

Karen said that all is going well although they have lost one member of staff. There has been a good response to the advert and 38 packs have already been sent out, possibly there will be over 50. The closing date is 6th March. The interviews will be on a Tuesday or Thursday, date to be arranged.

The numbers are up to speed over 20 a day on the books, had 1 new person and 3 referrals.

Space in church is becoming tight – can we move the bookcase to enable the craft table to be used.

Due to reduced numbers of staff we asked Karen if she might welcome volunteers to help in any way. She said she will let us know if they are needed.

Although there is no formal contract with the County Council they are paid by quarterly by the CC.

The Health and Hygiene/ thoroughfare issue seems to have been rectified for the time being although it may be an ongoing situation.

Delia will be approached on the interview panel for the vacant post.

Formal agenda.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. No issues arose which would not be covered later in the agenda.

Finance

A handout was provided as Ian was at the Circuit Treasurers Meeting. Gift Aid is ongoing and provides a good return.

Partnership Council

The meeting re stationing went very well. We are awaiting the date for interview re Anjelita court chaplain/MHA

Deanery

The last meeting was cancelled due to weather conditions.

Archdeacon met with Rev Sheila Morton re parish boundary. The situation stays the same.

A letter has been received from Archdeacon Paul Hughes, a response will be sent – Mike Cooper will respond.

Churchyards

Mary Stubbs is doing a very good job, very busy. The flower table has gone from the foyer – is now in the chapel. A Granite plinth is to be erected outside with vases for flowers. Arnolds are in charge of this. A tap will be provided.

Worship issues

Choice of hymns – there has been some complaints from congregation re choice of hymns recently. Do we need to look at 'new hymns'?
The hymns database is still ongoing Carolyn Morris is doing a good job.

Junior Church

Jaana is still working hard for us and continues to provide for our young people.

Pastoral Support

New card has been produced for visiting people who need support.

Events

Kempston Musical Society Concert – April 25th – Mike will co-ordinate.

Proposed Themed evening – June 6th – French Evening.

Easter

Lent course. Starts March 10th Putnoe Heights.

Easter cards will be available to send/give to friends and neighbours.

Good Friday – Margaret Appleton will provide Hot Cross Buns.

Mothering Sunday – Linda will arrange Flowers and Cake.

Easter sunrise service – Janet Day will be approached re Bacon Butties!!
ACM – 26th April

Bookstall

Milly continues to provide a good service. Expenditure £151 Income £ 129.60.
There are plans for a card rack in the foyer.

Linda will put a notice in Partnership News re Mothering Sunday and Easter cards which are available. Thanks were expressed to Milly for all her hard work.

AOB

- Trolleys and tables need to be put away each Sunday..
- It was requested that the flowers are moved forward before the service to make them more visible.
- Rev Royden will present the case for £37,000 of funding to 'Cut Your Carbon' at the beginning on April.

Thanks were extended to Mike and Linda as they finish their term of office.

The meeting closed with the grace.

Date of next meeting.

Monday May 11th at the Vicarage.

