

Wardens Meeting – 4th February 2010 – 7.30pm

Minutes

Present: Peter Jacques, John Bonser, Colleen Annan, Amanda Pike, Neil Jones, Bill Sharp, Joe Gutteridge, Avril Wilkins, Janet Cox, Rita Reading, Don Holt, Jan Strefford, Alison Thorp, Paul Lockley, Robert Rickard, Carrie-Ann Thompson, John Plant, Sheila Stinson.

Apologies: Adrian Holdstock

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1	Prayers	
2	Minutes Previous meeting minutes agreed. Matter arising – Peter Jacques was present at last meeting. Joysprings concert was not held at Nailstone. Wardens meeting for Nailstone, Shackerstone & Carlton also includes Sutton Cheney & Congerstone.	
3	News <u>Shackerstone</u> – Have received over £7,000 towards the restoration of the organ via a subsidiary of the National Lottery. Advent & Christmas were excellent. Carols around the village raised £140 towards the Bishops Appeal <u>Market Bosworth</u> – Christmas fair and services were very successful. Hoping to submit plans to expand the parish hall. <u>Sheepy</u> - Christmas was very successful. Malcolm & Gillian Greenwood are currently in Tanzania visiting All Saints Church in Ilboru to help strengthen diocesan links and donate over £900 raised through fund raising <u>Carlton</u> – Good Christingle & Christmas morning service. Nothing else to report. <u>Nailstone</u> – Electrical works are now complete and paid for. Had a good Christmas. Band concert went well, as well as the school carol service and church carol service. <u>Ratcliffe</u> – Standing room only for the Salvation Army carol concert and a good collection plate was donated to the Salvation Army. Christmas fair topped last year. Quinquennial has taken place. Funds remain from the last project, which they would like to put towards working on another window, but await the report from the quinquennial. They have received a gift of tables from Witherley Parish Council, so have surplus tables in need of disposal. <u>Twycross</u> – The security system is now working. The Christingle went well and family services are being attended. New service time of 3.30pm has helped. Flower festival 12 th & 13 th June.	

	<p><u>Sutton Cheney</u> – Band concert and midnight mass were well attended. Whole church is now rewired, 8 electrical heaters have been installed and they have a safety certificate. A volunteer has kindly offered to re-stain the pews which are now half complete. The following dates were planned at the recent DCC – June 19th Summer Fair & July 24th Summer BBQ</p> <p><u>Congerstone</u> – Successful Joysprings and Christmas Services.</p> <p><u>Alison Thorp</u> - Now 6 months in and really enjoying her work within the benefice. Thanked everyone for welcoming her into the 13 churches.</p>	
4	<p><u>Service Schedules</u></p> <p>Proposed April – May service schedules were distributed. Some churches will only have 1 service during April, as the fourth Sunday (April 25th), will be a whole benefice service at St Peter’s Market Bosworth with Bishop Tim will be visiting. Colleen queried if evensong was no longer going ahead at market Bosworth, as some congregation members were missing it. John Plant will prompt replies from the last, meeting with evensong congregation.</p>	JP
5	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>To explain proposals for the distribution of share going forward and where the budget for the benefice share is spent, Neil Jones presented data on parish and benefice share contributions for 2010, plus a breakdown of costs for the 2009 benefice share. Neil to provide any updates at future meetings.</p>	NJ
6	<p><u>Church Resources</u></p> <p>At recent staff meetings an audit was undertaken of readers, intercessors and chalice assistants within the 13 churches. Not all churches have people arranged to undertake these duties, although most have people willing to help. It was suggested that churches implement a rota for these areas. Also, to provide a list of people willing to become intercessors and chalice assistants. A workshop can then be organised, which Alison Thorp is happy to run.</p> <p>Joe Gutteridge queried whether it is possible to plan this far ahead, as people don’t always know availability.</p> <p>John Plant suggested that Churches could place the rota at the back of the church, asking people to fill in when they are available. This may also encourage people to come forward who currently don’t take part.</p>	ALL
7	<p><u>Pastoral Coordinator</u></p> <p>Please see attached notes from John Plant</p>	JP

8	<p><u>Lent Course</u> This year's lent course is to be held at Sheepy Church at 7.30pm on Thursday March 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th. Neil Jones & Amanda are looking for 4 volunteers – 1 for each week. Colleen Annan & Neil Jones volunteered to help.</p>	<p>AP,NJ, CA Plus other volunteers</p>
9	<p><u>Bishop Tim Visit – Whole Benefice Service</u> How do we use this as an opportunity to involve our 13 churches? Also, as an opportunity to meet afterwards, as members from all churches will be present -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Displays within the church from 'Friends & Hero's' - Posters from each church (photographic and / or graphic presentation of individual churches) - Involve people from all churches – readers etc - Wardens procession - Ask the Bishop to preach on something relevant to our group of rural churches - 'Bring & Share' cake & coffee after the service <p>For next wardens meeting - please bring posters/representations with you for the display boards.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
10	<p><u>Back to Church Sunday</u> 'Back to Church Sunday' is designed to give information and welcome people back to church. We can't have a specific 'Back to Church Sunday' as we have 13 churches, so a 'Back to Church Month' was suggested, providing 1 'Back to Church Service' at each church. Please come back with ideas of how this will work at the different churches, at the next meeting.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
11	<p><u>Any Other Business</u> Can John Plant & Sheila Stinson provide an update on the wedding process, now that the administrator is not meeting wedding couples? To report back at next meeting</p> <p>Sheepy is holding a holiday club during Holy Week. Monday to Friday – 10am to 12 noon each day.</p> <p>Can wardens meeting minutes be added to the minutes section of the website? Yes, this will happen going forward, once issues with current file downloads has been sufficiently resolved</p>	<p>JP / SS</p>

	<p>Next meeting 13th April 2010 – Sutton Cheney Village Hall – 7.30pm</p> <p>Please contact Sheila with agenda items for next meeting by – April 1st. Sheila.stinson@gmx.com 07949 232 123 5 Malthouse Close Nailstone Nuneaton Warwickshire CV13 0QX</p>	
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