

MINUTES OF THE ARDENS MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY APRIL 12TH AT SUTTON CHENY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

Present: John Plant (chair), Amanda Pike, Neil Jones, Richard Jones Don Holt, Bill Sharp, Carrie-Ann Thompson, Robert Rickard, John Bonser, Peter Jacques, Margaret McKay, Jean, Avril Wilkins, Rita Reading, Joe Gutteridge, Paul Lockley and Colleen Annan

Apologies: Alison Thorp, Adrian Holdstock, Diana Morgan, Marion Thomas, Jan Strefford, Ray Hale, Janet Cox and Mary Burgess, Sheila Stinson.

1.	Prayers	Actioned by
2.	Minutes Previous meeting agreed.	
3.	<p>Matters Arising. <u>Weddings</u> Booklet from the weddings Project of the Church of England was available and has some very useful information in it. Additional information can be found on the web at www.yourchurchwedding.org. There is a link from our website also. On this site you can register couples who are getting married and they will email Sheila so that cards can be sent out just before the wedding and also on the first anniversary. If contact with the churches is improved then special prayers can be said for the couple at these times. We have information in Insight which we hope will get a greater number of people involved this will also appear in the Gazette. There is a Wedding Fayre at Bosworth Hall Hotel this weekend. John and Sheila to take a table to encourage people to get married in one of our churches. The couples will then be encouraged to visit St Peter's Church will be open and if the other churches can have their notice boards there for display (for the Bishop's visit) then they can also be used to advertise the churches.</p> <p>It was noted that we are now no longer meeting couples face to face when they book their weddings. It is hoped that this can be looked at to see if it can be restored as it is part of our mission for our churches and for the pastoral care of the couples who wish to be married in our churches.</p>	Staff Team
4.	<p>News <u>St Peter's MB</u> – Have and Easter Carols service coming up on Sunday May 9th at 6.30pm <u>All Saints, Sheepy</u> - Ran a successful Holiday Club</p>	

9.	<p>Back to Church Sunday It was agreed that it is better if there is some form of refreshments or a meal attached to this occasion as it allows people to stay and talk after the service. Invitations to be sent out personal invitation is best. Could target one particular area and have prayers in the service of that area.. Harvest time was suggested as a good time . A benefice service to launch the programme then up to individual churches. DCC and PCC to be consulted.</p>	Wardens/ Clergy
10.	<p>AOB Website – Could this have something on about what is happening in the benefice – House groups, coffee mornings Tuesday Church Electric organ for sale from Sutton Cheney Church .</p>	Sheila
11.	<p>Next meeting Wednesday 2nd June 7.30pm for 7.45pm refreshments Everybody Welcome Course Baxter Hall (Grounds of St Margaret’s Church of England School) High Street Stoke Golding CV13 6HE</p>	