MINUTES OF THE CHURCH SUPPORT GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN

ST MARGARET’S CHURCH ON 26 JANUARY 2016

PRESENT: D. Frost, Revd C. Parkes, P. Savill, M. Scott and H. Taylor

1. NOTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8 DECEMBER 2015

These were agreed as a correct record. Matters arising were:

(i) Finances - St Margaret’s Church. Revd Celia informed the committee that Archdeacon David Lomas attended the December PCC meeting and St Margaret’s financial situation was discussed. Archdeacon David was unable to offer any practical help. He stressed the importance of St Margaret’s church paying their full share of the family purse and the need for the church community as a whole to encourage church attendance and increased giving.

H. Taylor reported that he had been unsuccessful in encouraging further ‘covenants’. He put forward a proposal that covenanted funds could be used to offset some of St Margaret’s fixed costs. This would allow the church community a three to four year breathing space to re-connect and re-engage with the wider community.

(ii) Church improvements/maintenance – The light bulb in the porch had been changed by Simon Upton (PCC member with the lead for church fabric). However, this light together with another light in the vestry is still not working. The support group agreed to arrange for an electrician to inspect both light fittings. **ACTION: H TAYLOR**

It was agreed communication between the support group and the PCC about church maintenance needed clarification. It was suggested the introduction of a ‘report book’ might be useful. Communication with the support group will be raised with the PCC. **ACTION: REVD CELIA**

(iii) Committee Membership – It was unanimously agreed that Revd Celia be co-opted onto the Support Group committee.

(iv) Publicity – A Support Group information page has been added to the Margaretting Community website. The church website is to be updated and taking advantage of social media is to be explored, for example, Facebook. **ACTION: REVD CELIA**

(v) School Links – Revd Celia reported the recruitment of a new teacher with music expertise.

2. FINANCES – ST MARGARET’S CHURCH SUPPORT GROUP

H. Taylor reported that we now have £1,345 in the bank account.

3. FUND RAISING EVENTS

Arrangements for the following events to be held in the church were discussed.

(a) Art exhibition/Art demonstration

Jennie Scott and Susan Keeble have agreed to organise this event for August.

It was suggested and agreed to approach Carol Torr (a local artist) to see if she would be interested in taking part in this event. **ACTION: M. SCOTT**

(b) Introduction to Soul

Discussions are ongoing. Tim Boem is to suggest a date for this event. **ACTION: M. SCOTT**

(c) Children’s performance

Arts Roundabout’s performance of ‘Superstar’ on Sunday, 28th February (4:30 to 6:30) has been advertised in the January newsletter. Entrance will be by programme available at the door – adults £5 and children £3. **ACTION: P. SAVILL**

(d) Dawn Chorus Choir

Performance to take place in April. Date and time yet to be agreed. **ACTION: P. SAVILL**

Dawn Chorus is performing in the foyer of the Queens Theatre on Friday, 19th February at 2:30pm. P Savill has agreed to attend the performance, meet the choir and to confirm whether or not travelling to St Margaret’s will be a problem for the choir.

(e) Classical music**.**

Nothing to report.

**M. SCOTT** to pursue his contacts.

**C. RENOWDEN** to help identify classical musicians.

**P. SAVILL** to contact Anglia Ruskin to see if the university has any budding musicians.

(f) Jazz Spiritual

To date it has not proved possible to locate any groups.

(g) Choral music

Nothing to report. **M. SCOTT and D. FROST** still pursuing contacts with local societies.

(h) Gospel music

Nothing to report. **D. FROST** still pursuing contacts.

(i) Wildlife talk

Nothing to report. **D. FROST** to approach Essex Wildlife.

(j) Wine tasting

**D. FROST** to organise and host a wine appreciation evening in September.

(k) Afternoon tea, Murder mystery dinner event, Dinner/supper party

All are still on the list of ideas to follow through – **P SAVILL**

(l) CAPRICE (Essex Wind Orchestra)

D Frost reported there was a possibility that members of this orchestra would be willing to perform in the church on 2nd or 3rd July. (Since the meeting it has been confirmed that a performance by this group will not take place due to a number of reasons including St Margaret’s church being an unsuitable venue for the large number of musicians involved.

4. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 22nd March 2016 at 7pm in the St Margaret’s church.