

PCC MEETING 17th SEPTEMBER 2012
PARISH OF ENGLISH MARTYRS, DANBURY WITH
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS

Ex officio:

Stephen Gallagher (Treasurer)
 Sylvia Lanz (Diocesan Council Rep)
 Lynne Pursell (Deanery Rep)
 Matt Harris Fabric (SWF)
 Kath Gable (Ecumenical Rep)
 Tony White Fabric (Danbury)
 Alison Huish (School Rep)

Elected Members:

Sharon Docherty
 Frank Lo
 Pauline Spratt (Chair)
 Jaqui Clarke
 Alan Hegner
 Barbara Fenn (Secretary)
 David Eyre Williamson (Vice Chair)
 Adrian Symonds

Appointed Members:

Jackie Wright Health & Safety (E.M.)
Methodist Observer Alasdair Mackay
Anglican Observer Sue Benjamin

		Action
1)	Opening Prayer: Pauline opened the meeting with a prayer.	
2)	Apologies: Apologies were received from Sylvia Lanz & Sue Benjamin	
3)	Minutes of Meeting 11th June 2012: The minutes of the meeting were agreed and signed.	
4)	Report from Justice & Peace: Harvest Lunch: Jenny & Philip Tollhurst have offered their barn & field for a Harvest Lunch fund raising event. Plowmans lunch, fruit & cakes with soft drinks & tea & coffee will be available. Cost £2.50 per adult & £5.00 per family. There will be a raffle (for a basket of Fairtrade goods) & a 'bucket collection' will be taken. Fr. Ivor hopes to attend.	
5)a	Report from Fabric Committee (HT): Intermittent leak in roof above bookcase has been investigated f.o.c. but no obvious cause can be found. Damage to wall outside the church will be discussed at next Fabric meeting. 2 options are to repair the wall as before or rebuild the wall to incorporate brick seating. The ceilings in the chair stores have been repaired. The ceiling tiles are different from previously, but are a vast improvement. Cost £46.80. AV room: a new deaf loop has been fitted (cost: £834 donated by anonymous benefactor). 4 input mixer has been added to amplifier, simplifying audio input selection. Cost £26.95. A specification for the refurbishment of AV system has now been written & forwarded to Marks Tey Radio Systems for quotation. The problem of covering the internal windows will be discussed at the next Fabric meeting on 25 th September.	
5)(b)	Report from Fabric Committee (EM): Safety rails have been fitted at both back doors. The conservatory has now been painted & a Vinyl floor fitted. The room is now completed & fully functional & has already been used for a gathering after a Baptism. Should we promote it to paying customers? (Donations only, or we will have to provide insurance.) There had been some discussion regarding the Repository cupboard in Holy Trinity being moved to English Martyrs but this will not now happen. With agreement a neighbour has cut off a branch from a tree at the front of the church & a very nice new fence has been installed. Also a tree in the corner of the rear garden has got to be removed. (Could parishioners do this?) The gutter at one side of main body of church needs replacing as it has collapsed. 2 windows at the front of the church need some work.	

6 (a) (b)	<p>Ecumenical Report: Little Baddow: No report this month. SWF; No report this month.</p>	
7)	<p>Report from Treasurer: At the start of our financial year (April) we were £17350. Overdrawn. Today our bank balance is £7,486 overdrawn. On the face of it a positive result. However we have had 3 extraordinary items totalling £13,655 since April. (Bette George bequeathed £1000. Gift Aid refund of £7,655 & Sheila Slater bequeathed £5,000. So we should be closer to being £4000 od., if our weekly collections equalled our expenditure. The key reasons are that since April we have paid out over £3,500 on supply priests. However with Fr. Niall's arrival this will stop this expense. The other big expense is to the school, to whom we currently pay £600 a month. We did discuss reducing this figure to £300 per month. Could I recommend we do this?</p>	
8)	<p>Report from Anglican P.C.C: No report this month</p>	
9)	<p>Report from Methodist P.C.C: No report this month.</p>	
10)	<p>Diocesan Report: No report this month.</p>	
11)	<p>Deanery Report: No report.</p>	
12)	<p>Liturgy Group: RCIA recommences 18th September. There are 4 enquirers.</p>	
13)	<p>St. Joseph's School report: With the new term 6 out of 7 classes are full, some with waiting lists. The pre-school is also full. Building work in school hall to accommodate more pupils could cause a few problems accessing the hall from church until Easter.</p>	
14	<p>A.O.B <u>Decorating of the Presbytery:</u> Matt got the paint from B&Q at a very reasonable price. The bathroom will need a professional touch & the kitchen needs refurbishment possibly at a later date. (Funds permitting.) Various parishioners have begun the re-decoration. <u>Slater Legacy</u> was given with certain conditions. The family are happy for the money to be used towards the cost of the Conservatory, & a memorial plaque to include a photo of Mr & Mrs Slater to be obtained. <u>Parish Council</u> election forms will be available from next Sunday. <u>100club</u> September: 1st Mrs. H. Middelboe, 2nd Mrs. K.Haynes, 3rd Mrs. R. Tidmarsh.</p>	
	<p>Closing Prayer The meeting closed with a prayer.</p>	

	Dates of 2012 Meetings: SWF. Monday 8 th October, Monday (Holy Trinity) 12 th Nov'ber AGM (D'bury). Monday 10 th December (New members).	
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These minutes are a true account of the proceedings of the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting held on Monday 17th September 2012 @ Holy Trinity Church Meeting Room.

Signed Proposed Name

Dated.....

Signed.....Seconded Name

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