

St Francis's Church Committee Meeting held on 11th November 2019.

Present: Everyone except Ruth who is poorly.

Apologies: Ruth.

Nature Trail. Nobody came.

Minutes of last meeting and Matters Arising.

Harvest Supper. Successful even though we had no band. The kitchen worked well with Tracey G in charge with Janet, Ruth and Jean. Thanks to all those who made an apple pie or crumble.

Profit £717.24 which includes £120 from the raffle sent to the Farmers' Community Network.

Finance.

Current Account £8471.37,

Donations from Remembrance Service - £100 each to RBL and SSAFA.

£40 to Burtle Silver Band.

Future Donations – Quiz Night raffle money to Action Against Violence.

Carol Service on 20th December – Collection to go to Bridgwater Salvation Army.

Future Expenditure – At the year end, Terry the Gardener's expenses will be higher than normal because of his work in clearing the churchyard. Vera Bailey's family has agreed that Vera's bequest of £600 may be used to help pay this.

Fabric – Hearing loop is a work in progress. Richard dealing.

Churchwarden's Report.

Parish Share to go up by 0.5% next year. End of year accounts will be required at end of February 2020.

The new Vicar is Rev Andrea Harwood. She will work Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoon with Monday as a day off from 1st December. She will be away from 26th December for one week. Rev Stuart Munns will take service on 29th December. Andrea requires a mobile phone, laptop and printer paid for by the UB and it is recommended that she will have an admin assistant for eight hours per week also paid for by the UB. She will require suitable office space for the time being and eventually a three bedroomed house with an office.

Licensing of new Vicar will be on the evening of 28th November in Othery Church with refreshments after.

Christmas Services. Only one Christmas Eve service at Moorlinch 11.30pm and one Christmas Day Service at Middlezoy at 10 a.m.

Quinquennial Inspection awaiting confirmation from Wells.

Cleaning and Flowers Rotas – Ann Griffin requested that there should be guidance for the flower arrangers. Ruth to action. As to the cleaners' rota, Jeanette to organise the rota and Rachel the guidance.

Services – all at 10 a.m. except the Carol Service which is at 7 pm.

The Advent Service on 1st December will require chandeliers, triangular candle displays and greenery in place and this will be done on 29th November at 10 a.m. Rachel to speak to Ian Scott who has the chandelier expertise and the long pole. Richard said he will provide safer steps. Rachel to liaise with Denise on the Advent Ring for the service. Richard to coordinate service and arrange the intercessions.

Christingle Service on 8th December. Janet will not be here that day. Jeanette and Ruth to liaise re materiel for this service.

Christmas Carol Service will be held at our church on 20th December at 7pm. The Christmas Tree to be put up in the church in the preceding week.

There may be a Christmas Eve Service organised by Brian Lishman in Sutton Mallet church.

Any Other Business.

The Christmas Quiz on 30th November in the village hall is 7 for 7.30 at £6 per table. BYO DRINKS, Mulled Wine, Tea and Coffee, Rolls and Mince Pies from the kitchen. The hall will be open from 6pm. Jeanette volunteered to man the door, Rachel ditto for the raffle and providing a Christmas Hamper, Janet, Jean and Ann to man the kitchen. Tina is doing the food and wine shopping and Jean providing hot beverages.

Coffee Morning and Craft Fair will be held on 30th November from 10 a.m. until 12pm. Set up at 9.30 a.m, help required please. Jean is providing Tea, Coffee and Biscuits. Rachel to liaise with Denise about cakes.

Committee Membership – Jean's last meeting as she is leaving the committee. Jeanette and Richard thanked Jean for all she has done over the last ten years.

Date of Next Meeting – 20th January 2020 at Richard's 7.30pm.