

7. REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

- **Heating:** The Heating Committee is continuing to make progress in its research of the best solution to replacing the church's heating system. Sarah confirmed that a letter has been sent to Cope and Hartman, agreeing the quotation for the renovation of the organ and asking for a date for the work to be carried out.

8. DEANERY MATTERS: None

9. SOCIAL GROUP REPORT

Sharon reported that she had researched the historic outline from Jacek for the formation of the Social Group – the need to separate events that were essentially for fundraising purposes from those that had a purely social aim, thereby recognising the need for social events in the life of the church that have no connection with fundraising. The Parish social events of the year were outlined. Sharon agreed to approach the Servers with the request that they organise the Parish BBQ which was tied in with the Feast Day celebrations last year. She is also going to liaise with Jacek in relation to the ideas for this year's Feast Day weekend. A possible alternative venue for the Parish lunch is to be researched by the Social Group.

10. ECUMENICAL REPORT

Kathy Pope reported on the success of the Par Churches Together Fairtrade Tea Party, an event they hope to repeat. She also mentioned the exhibition of Icons in the Cathedral this week and that the plans for the Multi-Faith Centre are progressing well. The 'Churches Together in St. Austell' Forum is meeting at Mount Charles Methodist Church on Monday 22nd March at 7.30pm. All are welcome and it is to be advertised in the Newsletter. The St. Austell Street Pastors will begin their ministry in the town after Easter. John Ballard mentioned the work of the Trussel Trust, a charity working to help cover the gap between applying for benefit and when that benefit is actually received (a period of around 6wks). The Light and Life Church are supporting the Trussel Trust's work in St. Austell. St. Augustine's is paying for the production of the Mevagissey Churches together Easter Leaflet this year - £50.00.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **Extra tables:** The catalogue for sourcing new larger folding tables for church fundraising functions etc has arrived and so a decision about their purchase will soon be made.
- **Rota for lifts to church:** An occasional item is to be placed in the Newsletter, encouraging parishioners who need help getting to weekend masses to let the Parish Office know and also requesting those who are able to offer lifts to do likewise. Help with transport can then be co-ordinated by the Parish Office.
- **Church Chairs:** There are two extra chairs with arms in the Reconciliation room. Fr. Robert confirmed that these may be brought into the church for Mass if needed for frail parishioners.
- **Sewing Group:** Ann Bassett reported a generous donation of £200 for the new Advent banners. Fr. Robert has written a letter of thanks.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 13th May 2010 at 7.30pm
(no meeting in April on account of Memorial Service for Dead)

