

# Minutes of the Christ Church Council Meeting

9<sup>th</sup> July 2008

**Present:** David Bishop, Judith Bishop, Margaret Burrows, Antony Claridge, Mark Elliott, Jane Fletcher, Chris Gladstone, Margaret Heath, Sarah Hiscock, Janet Mahto, David Marles [chair], Martin Palmer, Robert Siderfin.

**Apologies:** Sylvia Ayers, Andrew Sillett, Margaret Silver.

## Minutes of the previous meeting (Agenda 3)

The minutes of the last Council meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January were accepted (Prop: CG, Second MB).

## Matters Arising (Agenda 4)

- *Programming for the lights* – training was requested for key personnel in operating the new lighting circuit. The under-balcony lights at the back of the church (conventional switches) need marking.

## Remarks from Officiating Minister (Agenda 5)

- 1 AC had accepted an invitation to preach at the beautifully re-ordered St Swithun's, where he was extended a very warm welcome. They seem keen to share events with others and appear very supportive of us. One suggestion is to put any of their events in our magazine. [Action: Nicky Gladstone]. They could also be invited to the Cedar Tree. They are expected to join CTB, which will give another point of contact.
- 2 AC was also pleased to report that the 3 LMG churches had come together well at Brunel. The spirit should be replicated in regular life in Bath.
- 3 AC had preached at Bury St Edmunds on the occasion of Marianne's and Bob's anniversary.

## Churches together in Bath (Agenda 6)

MH reported:

- 1 The Travelling Light will be in Christ Church from 5<sup>th</sup> Oct – 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov
- 2 CTB requested that we include the Abbey in our prayers as they pray for the Bath churches.
- 3 A change to the 13<sup>th</sup> Nov Christ Church council meeting date was requested as it clashes with Deanery Synod.
- 4 Christ church has been offered for a CTB central zone AGM on 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 09. [Agreed]

## Deanery Synod (Agenda 7)

MH, Margaret Silver and Dorothy Twissel attended a successful meeting in Wells. Lewis Boyd is now a Christ Church representative on Deanery Synod.

## Local Ministry Group (Agenda 8a)

Brunel was regarded as a success with half of Christ Church members present. Whilst no specific LMG activities were planned, people mixed well possibly helped by the poor weather. All were impressed by Br Kentigan. A vote of thanks was made to the organisers.

Future LMG activities include more frequent “pulpit swaps” between priests, a combined service at St Stephens for the RSCM festival of church music on 24<sup>th</sup> August, and Christ the King and Advent services at Christ Church. A festival of Ralph Vaughan-Williams’ music is planned for the weekend of 11-12<sup>th</sup> October. There is a genuine desire to share more activities outside of Sunday worship, and St Stephen’s are keen to repeat the Play-day. They could be invited as observers at Christ Church council meetings.

**Parking (Agenda 8b)**

MH raised the issue that the shortage of parking at Christ Church can be a problem to those less able to walk or use public transport. It was agreed that a lift scheme should be trialled via posters and the magazine, to see if any would volunteer as drivers. The Trustees should investigate the use of the land behind the school for extending the car park.

**Any Other Business (Agenda 9)**

The date of the November Council meeting was changed from 13<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> November.

**Date of next Council meeting**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 16<sup>TH</sup> September

*djb 04/08/08*