

.CHRIST CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2016
VENUE: THE MEWS AT CHRIST CHURCH – TIME: 19:35
ACTION MINUTES

Chairperson: Rev Lore Chumbley

Secretary: Sharon Rawlings

Present:

Judith Anderson
Georgina Bowman
Alex Soboslay **Church Warden**
Judith Bishop
Malcolm Wall **Church Warden**
Sarah Kerr
Ian Hay Davison
Penny Edwards
Virginia Knight

Apologies: Janet Mahto, Brenda Wall, Matthew Jones, Mark Elliott, Jane Nicholson and Rowena Hall.

Rev Lore led an opening prayer.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting – 18TH October

The minutes was discussed with and agreed. Proposed by Judith Bishop and seconded by Malcolm Wall. A vote was carried 9 in favour and 2 abstentions.

2. Matters Arising

Partis College. Judith Bishop said that David Bishop will arrange transport to Christ Church for the Advent Carol Service.

Action: David Bishop

Christmas Carol Service – 18th December – 6.30pm

There will be no sermon.

Hand bell ringing

Lore and Ian Hay Davison have met separately with Sue East. From the moment there will be no children's hand bell ringing group.

Contents of the boiler room. Alex Soboslay mentioned the table and folding chairs were on the inventory. Alex Soboslay and Judith Bishop to meet to clear/recycle furniture. Council agreed for the junk including the table and folding chairs to be clear/recycled. Proposed by Georgina Bowman seconded by Sarah Kerr. The vote was unanimous.

Action: Judith Bishop and Alex Soboslay

3. Trustees Minutes

Trustees minutes and Deanery Synod report were noted

4. Financial Report – Malcolm Wall

Malcolm and David Bishop met to discuss the council finances. Collections raised just under £4,000 compared to £3,000 which was the average over the last year. Large sums of money had been spent on renovations etc. Oak products: we have sold just under a £1,000-worth with a 30% profit margin. Tosin has been helping with the setting up of the website. Judith asked for the website address. Malcolm to provide address. There is a Facebook and Instagram page up and running. A certificate will be provided with the oak products.

Thanks to Tosin, Brenda and Malcolm Wall for the hard work which they have provided.

Judith Bishop asked is the money going to in support of charities and the maintenance of the church. Lore mentioned that the money should go to the work of Christ Church.

Malcolm Wall to provide a draft of the certificate. Lore and Malcolm to meet and discuss before the final certificate goes to print.

Action: Malcolm Wall and Lore Chumbley

Parish Share

Malcolm mentioned £7,500 has already been paid and he and David Bishop sought permission from the council to pay the further £7,500 to the Diocese. Proposed by Ian Hay Davison and seconded by Penny Edwards. The vote was unanimous.

Lore and Malcolm to get together discuss the finance in more detail.

Action: Malcolm Wall and Lore Chumbley

5. Worship and Ministry

On 9th November a meeting took place at the Guildhall. Justin Welby attended along with Bishops of Bath and Wells. Malcolm Wall represented Christ Church. The message was 'Faith in the Community' emphasising Charities, Police and BANES. Group session included: Community Hubs – best use of resources, Street Community, An Inclusive Community and Young People in Today's World.

Christ the King – 20th November

Ian Hay Davison thanked Lore for the service.

Advent Morning Prayer – 28th November

There has been a request to hold the early morning service in the Sacristy. At the moment this is being used as small chapel for the children, which has proved very popular. This is only temporary while we think about the re-ordering of the church.

Lore suggested about handing out Christmas Cards to visitors. The Council agreed.

Norland Nannies' Carol Service will be held at Christ Church on 9th December at 10.00.

Discernment Day - There is a group which consists of Rowena, Malcolm, Alex, Mark, Lore, Beatrice to provide artistic output, Rowena to provide input on a disabled persons' view and Isaac as a young person's view.

Pastoral Care

The team will be reconvening. There have been meetings. The discussions took place on co-ordination, who needs pastoral care, who is providing it, prayer for people on the pray list and for the people who are serving them. Volunteers are required to help with lifts to and from church. If anyone wishes to be involved in the pastoral care team please contact Lore or Keri.

6. Charities

The charities sub-group met and want to put the following possibilities to the council.

Bath Gideons wish to come in January and will give a short presentation.

USPG (now called US) is a charity which Christ Church supports long term, it was suggested that throughout the year the months of March, July and November are earmarked for US collections.

Ian has suggested that the bell ringers who will be ringing a quarter peal before the Advent Service would like to do this as a sponsored peel in aid of Strike Back Against Blood Cancer. Alex suggested a collection at the Carol Service. This will be announced to the congregation. Proposed by Georgina Bowman seconded by Penny Edwards. The vote was unanimous.

Ian is chairman of the Church Housing Trust. Ian gave an insight into what Church Housing Trust is about. The trust provides for the homeless, furniture etc.

Other charities discussed were Bath Mind, Bath Food Bank, Bath Dementia Action Alliance, possibly Bath Street Pastors, Local Women's Refuge, Julian House and Genesis. Further discussion will be held in at the next council meeting in January 2017.

Gideons will be the charity for the month of January 2017. Proposed by Ian Hay Davison and seconded by Malcolm Wall. The vote was unanimous.

Inclusiveness

Lore briefly introduced a request from the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement that churches consent to be listed as a 'Visible Congregation,' meaning that they are visibly welcome to all. This is particularly significant in the present political climate since on November 13 2016 GAFCON published a paper publicly 'naming and shaming' Anglican ordained ministers in same sex relationships.

Simon Tatton-Brown brought this to Lore's attention. Council were given copies of the proposed statement. Inclusiveness to be discussed at the next meeting.

Hospitality

Lore thanked Judith Bishop and her team for the hard work carried out which went well. The Italian evening was a great success.

Christ the King - A beautiful iced cake was provided. A big thanks to Jo Palmer for icing the cake and all her hard work.

Advent Lunch 6th December – St Mary's. Angela Soboslay will organise.

Action: Angela Soboslay

Advent Carol Service 4th December – Nibbles and Wine.

Action: Malcolm Wall

Carol Service 18th December – Mine Pies and Mulled Wine – Jane Nicholson to provide the mince pies.

Action: Jane Nicholson and Malcolm Wall

Christmas Day 25th December – Sparkling Wine and Mince pies to be provided by Lore.

Action: Lore Chumbley

Bells will be rung on 18th and 25th December.

Action: Ian Hay Davison

Carol Rice will be holding a Japanese flower arranging session. This will take place in January. A date to be announced.

Malcolm Wall asked about the wine tasting. Judith Bishop and Malcolm to meet and arrange a date.

Action: Judith Bishop and Malcolm Wall

7. Buildings and Fabric Sub-Committee Report

Buildings

Toilet lock was discussed. It is an old lock and if a someone gets stuck in the toilet there is no way to access. This will be addressed.

Entrance Lobby – Trustees have said that putting in automatic doors is expensive, but to have wooden doors put in for now with manually opening.

Lore said thanks to the Building Committee for their hard work in pushing through this project.

Sound System

Judith is still waiting to meet with Mark Elliott. A suitable date will be arranged in the new year.

Action: Judith Bishop and Mark Elliott

8. The Organ

No report. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Action: Mark Elliott

9. AOB

Sarah Kerr suggested having a Christ Church Christmas card, which had been designed by Matthew Jones. This was discussed. A vote was carried out on producing 500 cards. The vote was passed unanimously.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th January 2017 at 19:30.

Meeting closed at: 21.15

Closing Prayer

Signature:(Original Signed)..... Date:
Lore Chumbley (Priest in Charge)