

Church Council Meeting:
Tuesday 22nd January 2019
7:30, Choir Vestry

Present:

Lore Chumbley (Chair), Matthew Jones (Lay Chair), Georgina Bowman, Jonathan Stead, Lewis Boyd, Mark Elliott, Janet Mahto, Will Willans, Virginia Knight, Sarah Kerr, Judith Bishop

Tosin Onile-Ere Rotimi: (Secretary)

Opening Prayers: Lore Chumbley (Priest in Charge) Jonathan

Apologies: Jane Nicholson

Minutes of the last meetings: Minutes of November 2018 were read, amended, corrected and unanimously adopted.

Cleaner:

Lore sent Jude a generic job specification which she amended and shared with the council. The job description was amended by the council and it will be given to Trustees to approve and finalise before posting.

Swift Boxes:

Virginia reported back to the council. The church architect has approved installation on the north side Christ Church (not the tower). The diocese has passed blanket faculty for the installation of swift boxes in churches. A swift box will cost £30 and must be in situ by April if it is to be useful this year. Council agreed one should be purchased. Lewis offered to install it.

Advertising Postcards:

Hazel has fully handed over the production of the postcards to Virginia. Virginia will oversee the provision of postcards for Holy week and Easter.

Worship:

- Advent and Christmas Carol services were a great success.
- Clarkson's Funeral Service held an Ecumenical Service of Remembrance, for all those who had lost people during the year. It was a great success with many other churches involved and a great turn-out.

- Based on the experience of the Ecumenical Service of Remembrance, Lore suggested that Christ Church should hold an All Souls Service, with a slight difference from past to have more of an impact. She suggested that it could be held on a Sunday evening to encourage attendance. She suggested a joint event with St Stephens to be slated for 3rd November.

Holy Week & Easter:

1. A joint Maundy Thursday service with St. Stephens. Overture will be made to Philip at St. Stephens to ask if we can join them for the Agape meal

Hospitality:

Bath Community Big Band concerts were a great success.

The council feels that the charge of £50 to use the church space is too low. It has been suggested that going forward we charge companies a basic amount and then a percentage of ticket sales and any groups with charitable affiliation be charged £50.

Postcards:

Virginia is now officially in charge of producing and arranging distribution of postcards.

Chalice:

It was agreed that Lore write to the Bishop asking him to licence Ling & Gregory to administer the chalice.

West End:

During our discussions about the re-organisation of the East end it has become clear that the memorials in the current sacristy will need to be moved perhaps to the west end of church. We also need to make room for the agreed bells donor board. Lewis will lead a team who will review the current state of the west wall and report back to the next council meeting. Virginia & Sharon volunteered to join Lewis in this.

East End:

The reordering of the East End is going forward. Proposals for the layout of furniture from Treske and from Hugh Conway Morris were reviewed. The number of chairs required for clergy, crucifer and server were reviewed and it was agreed that four chairs are required. There was considerable discussion about the relative merits of the two designs both layout and design of furniture. Overall, Conway Morris's ability to fit the furniture comfortably into the available space contrasted favourably with Treske's apparent inability to make their furniture fit. When taken to a vote, 9 were in favour of Conway Morris's designs and 1 in favour of Treske's.

Our recommendation to Trustees was that Conway Morris be asked to draw up a complete set of furniture to his designs. The East end re-organisation group will continue to work with Conway Morris as he does this to find the right design for us.

Review of Statement of Significance

The statement of significance has been initiated by Alex Soboslay and reviewed and revised by the East end re-organisation group. It was reviewed by council, in particular the requirement was noted for the plans to include a fully worked up design for phase three even if at this time we are not raising funds to implement phase three. The provision of a ramp through the Lady Chapel would require the War memorial to be moved. Since the west end of the north wall is used as the children's corner and the west end of the south wall is adjacent to the kitchen it was agreed that the south wall just west of the south door would be the appropriate place. This recommendation will be relayed to Trustees.

Hospitality Report :

The report was noted as requested. In particular the request for a rolling forum to collate ideas for social activities was noted. For the present, in view of the emphasis on fundraising, the fundraising committee will continue to oversee social activities in collaboration with the hospitality lead.

Pilgrim Report:

Noted. In particular the request for black out blinds and a more attractive floor covering were noted. Jane N will look into the possibility and cost of blinds.

AOB:

1. Sarah Kerr raised two related concerns. There is a need for more volunteers to help with flowers and there had been a suggestion that we buy an artificial Christmas tree for the church lobby because of the nuisance from the severe needle drop of the Norway spruce. In view of environmental concerns it was decided instead to buy two needle-fast

trees. The request for flower arrangers will be relayed to the congregation with a particular emphasis on encouraging people to help on Holy Saturday.

2. Janet will be having training for first aid on March 19th and can then be a first aider for Christ Church.
3. There was a request from the priest in charge that the approved council minutes to be published in a regular and timely fashion on the church noticeboard
4. It was noted that there might be need for an extra council meeting in February to agree statements of need and significance.