

**Christ Church Council Minutes
15th March 2011**

Present: Judith Bishop, Hazel Boyd (Minutes), Lewis Boyd (Chair), Margaret Burrows, Keri Chivers, Mark Elliott, Margaret Heath, Janet Mahto, Martin Palmer, Andrew Sillett, Clive Tilling, Brenda Wall

1. ME led a prayer for guidance.

2. Apologies: Sylvia Ayers, David Bishop, Bob Siderfin, Margaret Silver, Angela Soboslay, Malcolm Wall

3. Approval of previous minutes (17th January 2011): ASillett(P), JM(S)

4. Matters arising:

- Car park: Clive Tilling had been unable to obtain a list of car park keyholders but will do so and write to them after the meeting to minimise further damage to the bollard covers. MP will label the bollard covers soon when doing other labelling at church.

Pancake evening: JB reported that this was not possible because of the kitchen work.

5. LMG Report:

- ME met with Philip Hawthorne recently to discuss Lent/Holy Week/Easter services. The LMG held a joint Ash Wednesday evening service at St Mary's which went down well. Christ Church's morning service went well. Holy week and Easter services are now arranged and will be publicised via the website and the usual publicity routes.

St Stephen's and St Mary's are keen to book another joint weekend away. The date will be 6th July 2012 at Hebron Hall. There will be a planning group after Easter, attended by someone from Christ Church.

6. Trustees' Report:

- The kitchen and roof repairs were discussed, as was the Church Profile.
 - The tuition centre has had at least three interested parties, all of whom are interested in both the ground and first floors. Council's view was that the extra income from this would outweigh the lack of Christ Church's ability to use the ground floor as community space. Council raised queries about user hours, parking needs and length of contract. Council's view was that Christ Church should rent the space out, given that there was positive demand and potential income.

7. CTB:

- MH reported that SA has provided information on CTB. MH went to a good daytime CTB service on Saturday 12th but felt that Bath Abbey was not well-represented. A.Sillett commented that Prayers and Pancakes at the Abbey was well-attended by a range of churches and CTB were glad to be there.

8. Deanery Synod:

A.Sillett passed minutes to the chair (see attached) which include useful information about the new calculations for the Parish Share. LB to write to Nick Dennison about alternative ways of calculating the Parish Share. A.Sillett to write to Deanery requesting more effective meetings which allow more time for the important discussion points.

9. Kitchen update:

MP reported that the kitchen will be finished on time and on budget in time for this Sunday. Tracy and Helen from the Cedar Tree will cut a cake and a ribbon after the service. ME proposed a vote of thanks to MP for co-ordinating the work. Thanks were also given to the contractors including Shaun who did the plumbing so professionally and successfully.

10. Church Profile:

ME is adding his contribution to the Profile and Alex Soboslay is working on drafts for publication; MP is also contributing to this. The Archdeacon and the Bishop's Representative also need to see it. The final draft will be shown to the congregation and to St Mary's and St Stephen's.

Proposed timetable: Advertise just after Easter – interview in June – license in September.

ME thanked everyone for being supportive and contributing to the Church Profile.

11. People in need in our community:

JN has been providing bacon rolls to people in need who come to Christ Church during and after the 11am service on Sundays.

LB told Council that Genesis vouchers cost money to buy, and asked Council whether Christ Church wanted to deliberately do this collectively. LB proposed a collection plate, making the most of Gift Aid where possible, seconded by Margaret Burrows. MB also suggested Christ Church look into details of providing food boxes.

It was noted that the new giving envelopes have arrived.

12. AOB:

MS is willing to organise a phone link to allow those without email access to find out important news quickly and reliably, e.g. services which are arranged at short notice. JM offered to first in the link as she has email access.

BW has been trying to obtain information from Bath and Wells training department about the "Exploring Christianity" course. Seven members of Christ Church have signed up, more are welcome. BW will report back, when the tutor has been confirmed. This course was well-received by Council.

Next Meeting: To be determined.