

**CHRIST CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2016**  
**VENUE: THE MEWS AT CHRIST CHURCH – TIME: 19:35**  
**ACTION MINUTES**

**Chairperson:** Rev Lore Chumbley

**Secretary:** Sharon Rawlings

**Present:**

Georgina Bowman  
Janet Mahto  
Alex Soboslay                      **Church Warden**  
Mark Elliott  
Judith Bishop  
Malcolm Wall                      **Church Warden**  
Sarah Kerr  
Matthew Jones  
Jane Nicholson  
Rowena Hall  
Ian Hay Davison  
Penny Edwards

**Apologies:** Judith Anderson, Brenda Wall and Virginia Knight

Rev Lore led an opening prayer.

**1.     Minutes of the Last Meeting – 30<sup>TH</sup> August**

The minutes was discussed with and agreed. Proposed by Jane Nicholson and seconded by Judith Bishop. The vote was unanimous.

**2.     Matters Arising**

**Bells**

Ian Hay Davison and Rev Lore will get together to arrange a meeting about children visiting the bell tower.

**Action:** Lore Chumbley and Ian Hay Davison

Ian Hay Davison mentioned that tests show that the framework is not resonating from the tower.

## **Outreach**

Christ Church sang evensong at Bath Spa University on 9<sup>th</sup> October. Two students came to harvest lunch

## **Open Day – 10<sup>th</sup> September**

Thanks to everyone who contributed to Open Christ Church.

### **3. Trustees Minutes**

No report.

### **4. Worship**

#### **9<sup>th</sup> November**

Archbishop Justin is visiting Bath. On 9th November he will be attending a conference with lunch. Rev Lore was offered 2 tickets to attend and has invited the Churchwardens. Afterwards there will be a service at Bath Abbey. This will be announced in Christ Church.

#### **Christ the King – 20<sup>th</sup> November**

Bishop Ruth will be attending the service. The format for the service will be as we have done in the past. There will also be an evensong. Ian Hay Davison asked if Christ Church would like to have the bells rung before or after the service. In order to gauge the feeling of the meeting, this was discussed. Council voted. There were 13 for and 1 against. The final decision would go to the Standing Committee to decide.

There will be sparkling wine and Jo Palmer will be providing a cake after the service.

Brenda Wall will be Bishop's Chaplain.

## **Advent**

### **Carol Service – 4<sup>th</sup> December – 6:30pm**

Mark Elliott mentioned that the format will be as in previous years with some variations.

Alex Soboslay mentioned that there will be two lunches being held jointly with St Mary's the first will be at 12:00 on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at Christ Church and the second one will be at 12:00 on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at St Mary's.

Judith Bishop suggested that we should invite Partis College to the Advent Carol Service. Transport to be arranged.

**Action:** David Bishop

Rev Lore asked would it be possible to advertise the service in the Bath Chronicle. It was discussed. It is expensive so it was suggested that Bath Magazine might be appropriate instead. Publicity team to action for 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016 edition. Mark Elliott happy to give input. Janet Mahto asked Matthew Jones about the distribution of cards to advertise the coming events for Christmas. Matthew said usually on Sunday before Christmas. Matthew Jones happy to advise.

**Action:** Publicity Team/Mark Elliott

Father Jeremy has written to express thanks for the gift from Christ church - and to ask if St Mary's are invited to attend the Advent and Christmas Carol services. Lore asked if the Church Wardens would write to Father Jeremy, formally inviting St Mary's to the Carol Services.

**Action:** Church Wardens

### **Christmas Carol Service – 18<sup>th</sup> December – 6.30pm**

There was discussion about having a sermon. Mark Elliott and Rev Lore to meet and discuss.

**Action:** Mark Elliott and Lore Chumbley

There will be morning prayer at 9 am every weekday in advent.

### **Christmas Day Service – 25<sup>th</sup> December**

To celebrate Christmas Day, it was suggested to provide sparkling wine and mince pies after the service. Although not many are expected, it was agreed this is an important day which we should mark.

Lore will undertake to make this happen (and wash up!) Council agreed.

**Action:** Lore Chumbley

## **5. Financial Report – Malcolm Wall**

### **Fund Raising**

Fund raising is focused on selling oak products that are made by a woodworker in Trowbridge. Sales have just started and revenue to Christ Church will be the profit we make.

St Mary's Julian Road are deciding what will be made with the oak beam that we are providing.

Christmas fund raising in December will be for Julian House and Genesis

### **Income received**

- Cash collections received in the 3 quarters to date are £2,250.
- Envelope collections for the 3 quarters are £21,068.
- Gift Aid recovery for the 3 quarters has been £1,464

The Compassion Fund balance is £1,100.

The Parish Share of £7,500 has been paid to Wells for the first half that was planned for. We still have to decide what and if we pay more in 2016.

A new contract with EDF has been signed that will benefit the church with approximately a £300 saving per year.

## **6. Building Sub-Committee Report**

A report from Robin Kerr was handed to council members (copy attached). There was a discussion.

Judith Bishop asked at what stage could we realistically start looking for funding/grants. Alex Soboslay said there is no reason why we could not go to people saying we are planning this work but not sure exactly how much it will cost, but need raise at least £40,000. At a trustees meeting Lore was invited to visit St Swithins' who recently had some refurbishment work done.

Rev Lore has a meeting planned with St Swithins' to investigate how and what grants they had. Judith Bishop said that David Bishop has a contact who will be able to give some ideas and maybe he and Lore should get together.

**Action:** Lore Chumbley and David Bishop

Alex Soboslay mentioned that we have all the faculties and permissions we require for all the work we are currently proposing except for the ramp outside.

The East End will be discussed on 29<sup>th</sup> October.

## **7. Hospitality Report**

Thanks were recorded to all who helped at the Harvest lunch and provided flowers. There are a few events coming up in the lead to Christmas. Angela Soboslay will run the Advent lunch jointly with St Mary's.

Judith Bishop has asked Clive Tilling if she could attend a hygiene course, this will be run through the Bitton Railway. Clive will arrange.

**Action:** Clive Tilling

## **Cedar Tree 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration party – 11<sup>th</sup> November**

Janet Mahto said that Nicky Gladstone will be coming. Nicky started the Cedar Tree Café. Mailshots have been sent to Margaret Silver and Jane Fletcher, who also helped to start Cedar Tree. This will be held in the Mews.

**Mothers' Union 1<sup>st</sup> November** – Italian Evening. Clive will be in charge.

**Action:** Clive Tilling

## **8. Sound System**

A draft was handed to council. It was proposed by Judith Bishop that a meeting should take place with Mark Elliott, Church Wardens, Rev Lore, Judith Bishop and Expression Media to ensure that what they perceive we want is actually what we require. Alex asked are we doing this just for Toppings or is there a large scale reason for doing this. Judith Bishop said we like to encourage external providers to use our church. Judith Bishop met with Media Clash, who like our building and would like to hold debates and meetings in our church sometimes hosting up to 300 people. Judith Bishop will arrange a meeting with Expression Media to get a detailed specification

Rev Lore asked Alex Soboslay would it be alright to go ahead with a faculty. Alex Soboslay said we would need a formal resolution from council and trustees.

Resolution proposed that council agrees to extend our sound system and upgrade the control deck. This was proposed by Georgina Bowman and seconded by Mark Elliott. The vote was unanimous.

**Action:** Judith Bishop

## 9. The Organ

Mark Elliott had spoken to the trustees and said he would co-ordinate the strategic fund raising project for the organ. The next stage would be to verify the quote that Nicholson's had given. Mark Elliott did some research on the Diocese website under DAC and there appears not to be an adviser at the moment. Mark Elliott will look around for a second opinion on Nicholson's quote. There are two things to verify:

- 1) is the work that they are suggesting, sensible work to be done, and
- 2) is the price sensible.

Rev Lore pointed out that if we raised more money than we needed for the organ it would be worth us making it clear that it is for the organ and the work of Christ Church. Alex Soboslay asked does council need to agree to contribute some money. Mark Elliott said he needs to verify the prices first before he can say how much money will be needed.

**Action:** Mark Elliott

## 10. Bells

Ian Hay Davison is seeking approval from council for a donors board to acknowledge those who donated money towards restoring the bells. The donor board would cost £548. The project actually cost £137,700 and the extra of £1,700 was paid by the trustees. The labour was already in the figure of £136,000. This was discussed. Council suggested and agreed to make the board out of Christ Church oak. Ian Hay Davison will write to the donors.

**Action:** Ian Hay Davison

Ian Hay Davison also mentioned that the bell ringers were appreciative of the church being open on Saturday mornings in August, this gave them the chance to meet members of the congregation and would appreciate further opportunities of meeting members of the congregation. The bell ringers are invited to breakfast every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month after the 8 am communion.

## 11. Pastoral Care

The team will be reconvening. The first meeting will take place at 14:00 on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October at Keri's house. They will consider where we would hold these meetings and how often. The discussions will be 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.

**12. Charities**

Lore was charged with inviting people who were involved in the charities we are giving to, to come and talk after the services. Rev Lore asked for feedback. A few speakers spoke far too long and content was not clear.

Jane Nicholson said perhaps we could have a display with handouts with a representative from the charities standing by to answer any questions.

**13. AOB**

Judith Bishop mentioned there is a lot of junk in the boiler room that could be cleared to make room for things that need storing due to the re-ordering. It includes some broken folding chairs. Alex Soboslay to check whether they are on the inventory. Council agreed for the junk to be clear. All agreed.

**Action:** Judith Bishop and Alex Soboslay

**14. Date of Next Meeting**

The meeting will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 at 19:30.

Meeting closed at: 22:00

Closing Prayer

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