

CHRIST CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 9TH MARCH 2017
VENUE: THE MEWS AT CHRIST CHURCH – TIME: 19:38
ACTION MINUTES

Chairperson: Rev Lore Chumbley

Secretary: Sharon Rawlings

Present:

Alex Soboslay	Church Warden
Judith Bishop	
Malcolm Wall	Church Warden
Penny Edwards	
Jane Nicholson	
Ian Hay Davison	

Apologies: Janet Mahto, Mark Elliot, Matthew Jones, Georgina Bowman, Virginia Knight, Brenda Wall, Sarah Kerr, Judith Anderson and Rowena Hall.

Rev Lore led an opening prayer.

1. MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes were discussed but not agreed due to not enough members.

2. MATTERS ARISING

3. TRUSTEES

No Report.

4. WORSHIP

Easter

Phillip Hawthorn at Mary's Charlcombe and St Stephen's asked if we could do something together as a local ministry group.

There is usually a Wednesday Eucharist in lent which the 3 churches take in turn to host the service. The first was held at Christ Church on 8th March, the following week will be held at St Mary's Charlcombe and the week after that at St Stephen's, then back to Christ Church. Lore suggest it would be good if we could persuade St Mary's Charlcombe and St Stephen's to hold the Lent services on a Thursday next year.

There will be a Eucharist of the Annunciation of our Lord to be held on Saturday 25th March 19.00. Ian Hay Davison asked if bells would be required. Lore thought it would be a good idea. The Standing Committee will need to be informed. Ian to write an email to the Standing Committee. This will be in addition to the practice in the morning.

There will be a Dawn Service at St Mary's Charlcombe on Easter morning.

There will be no practice bell ringing during Holy Week.

Re-ordering

Ian asked if the comments were constant or conflicting, there has been a good response on the configuration we had so far but not enough on the current, then there will be another configuration where the altar will go back to the East wall and keep the curved shape chairs. Most people like the altar being forward with the circle chairs for the choir. There was a suggestion to have the choir singing in the gallery. Also, it was suggested to cover the tiles on the East wall so see how it looked and another suggested to have the wall lit up from the bottom. Judith suggested borrowing some lights from Bath Camerata and placing them at the foot of the wall. Judith to speak to Bath Camerata.

ACTION: Judith Bishop

5. BUILDING SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT – Robin Kerr

Further to Robin's report dated 18th January 2017:

Toilets:

In addition to the items mentioned in my last report, (a) I have fitted mirrors and toilet roll holders in all three toilets in the church, (b) I have fitted a soap and a towel dispenser in the Lower Mews toilet, and (c) Nigel the electrician is quoting for provision of hot water in the choir toilet, but (d) change of the new disabled WC seat (to stabilise it) awaits my attention.

Porch:

Work started on 13th Feb 17, and has proceeded rapidly. By 17th Feb:

- The temporary lobby on the south side of the church had been constructed,
- The new glass & oak doors, and their frame, had been installed at the West end,
- The outer oak doors had been trimmed and rehung to open outwards,
- The wood block floor had been lifted (attempts were made to pass these blocks to a reclamation centre, but there was no interest).

However, when the outer doors were opened on 18th Feb, following curing of the epoxy adhesive, a problem was revealed of fouling with the stonework in the arch,

and discussions were opened with the architects and Ellis's. Various solutions have been proposed but, at the time of writing, no decision has been made. By 24th Feb, trenches for pipes and cables had been cut across the sub-floor (and pipes installed); the 4-door draught excluder had been dismantled; unsatisfactory tongued-and-grooved boarding removed; chasing for cabling done; and the electrical work was well advanced.

The Buildings Sub Committee met in the porch on 24th Feb to discuss: paint colours; door handles; wall lights and positions; socket and push-plate positions; remaining electrical conduits in the arched ceiling; manifestations on the glass doors; wheel chair compatible door mat; radiator design; the outer gates; and the oak door problem.

Laying of the new stone floor will occupy most of W/C 27th Feb, to be followed by plastering and decoration. Completion is still scheduled for 31st March.

Heating:

See Porch above. Radiator design has been approved, and pipework has been installed from the tails left in the SW toilets, under the new porch floor, to the positions for the radiator valves (and pipework part way up the SW wall for the radiator in the ringing chamber).

Malcolm Wall read out a letter from Brenda Wall on behalf of 4 people who will not be coming to church until the toilets has been completed. This was discussed. A letter will be sent to those effected. Lore to write a letter.

ACTION: Lore Chumbley

6. HOSPITALITY – Judith Bishop

Shrove Tuesday 10 people attended and £45 pounds was raised.

Toppings Events

David Crystal – Wednesday 15th March

Harriet Walter – Saturday 18th March

Melvin Matthews - 23rd March

Bettany Hughes– 27th March. Had to move to another venue due to oversubscribing of numbers this is due to not enough fire exits.

26th March – Mothering Sunday. Sarah Kerr to provide the Simnel cake.

David Gatcliffe – 1st June

Lent Lunches March-April. Lunches are in hand.

ACTION: Lore Chumbley and Angela Soboslay

May Day of Refreshments - 21st May

Lore and Judith to visit Kelston to look at the venue. Also need to discuss catering.

ACTION: Lore Chumbley and Judith Bishop

Best of British Roast will take place in late June. Two roast meats and a vegetarian option with roast vegetables will be provided.

ACTION: Clive Tilling

Open Day – Ride and Stride – September

Christ Church has a booking for Bath Children’s Literary Festival to use the church on 6th Oct. Judith will be meeting with Kate Hall on Monday.

ACTION: Judith Bishop

Camerata Concert – 16th December.

Alex suggested that after the building work has been done and the sound system has been upgraded the rates should be reviewed.

Judith met with Jonathan Stead who suggested a trifold leaflet with all the dates for year available handed to the congregation to take away with them. This will include Toppings events, churches services, concerts and any other events and will be reviewed and updated on a regular basis. Jonathan will produce some ideas on design.

ACTION: Judith Bishop and Jonathan Stead

7. SOUND SYSTEM

Mark Elliott and Judith Bishop to meet to discuss.

ACTION: Mark Elliott and Judith Bishop

8. ORGAN

A report by Mark will be sent to council. Discussion will take place at the next meeting.

ACTION: Mark Elliott

10. PASTORAL CARE

The team have put together a 6-page booklet. They are looking into costs and would like to produce the booklet monthly. There is a rota system in place to collect people from hospital.

ACTION: Margaret Heath and Penny Edwards

11. CHARITIES SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT – Lore, Rowena and Rebekah

More information was handed to the council on each of the following charities and discussed.

Judith suggested looking into targeting Mission for Seafarers in a particular place. Judith to look at website.

ACTION: Judith Bishop

A revised charities list:

FEBRUARY	Bath Mind
MARCH	USPG
APRIL	The Bishops' Lent appeal
MAY	Bath Dementia (BDAA)
JUNE	Bath Street Pastors
JULY	USPG
AUGUST	Mission to Seafarers (if possible a specific project)
SEPTEMBER	Libra Project Women's Refuge
OCTOBER	Church Housing Trust
NOVEMBER	USPG (a specific project)
DECEMBER	Julian House and Genesis

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Sound Proofing – Bells completed. Trustees to be informed of the situation. Will Willans will be the new ringing master. Ian wishes to continue on council as tower secretary. Ian to send an email to Will with the dates for bells to be rung. Lore thanked Ian for the hard work towards overseeing the Bells Project.

Security issues were raised about the choir door being left opened during the service. This was discussed. Someone will be on duty.

Malcolm is seeking a new source supplier for the oak products.

Next meeting Tuesday 25th April at 19:30 and AGM will be held on 30th April.

Closed 21.30

Signature: Date:
Lore Chumbley (Priest in Charge)