

Church Council Minutes
18 April
Lower Mews

Present

Lore Chumbley, Jude Bishop, Malcolm Wall, Lucy Humbert, David Rawlings, Mark Elliott, Brenda Wall, Mark Elliott, Isaac Elliott.

1) Apologies for absence

Zoe Bushell
Richard Gabe
Pauline Swaby Wallace
Jane Hoe
Janet Mahto

2) Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as correct
proposed JB
seconded DR

3) Matters arising not otherwise covered

Cashless giving. It was requested that council be updated on how much is being given through the new machine. We will add this to the agenda for the next council meeting.

The projector is functioning satisfactorily. Thanks were recorded to Lady Cope for her donation towards the projector.

Council Minutes DR will post the minutes of the previous meeting in Christ Church today.

4) Trustees 'minutes were noted

5) Worship

Our **Easter services** were uplifting We were blessed with an array of well attended services:-

Compline in Holy Week was sung perfectly by Mark and Isaac and well attended Forty-two people attended Passover agape meal. These included a stranger who sat at the head of the table in Elijah's seat and a child who asked the traditional questions.

Eighty-three adults and twelve children attended our Easter Sunday morning service- more than we have had in recent years. It felt a Spirit filled and blessed service. The 'Amen' from Handel's Messiah which the choir sang after we had shared Communion was particularly glorious.

Confirmation There will be a Deanery confirmation service at Batheaston at 10 am on July 2 and we have a candidate.

Although this clashes with our own service, at least one of the ministry team will attend with others who would like to support them.

6) 225 Celebrations

Time and Talent (JB & JS)

Thirty individuals have signed up so far for the Time & Talent challenge. Jonathan has challenged us to sign up fifty people.

There is an exciting buzz around this year's T & T initiative.

Interactive lectures From June 1 we will have four speakers at approximately two week intervals on Thursday nights.

Organ recital series. We plan an open Church with organ recital from June 24 for four Saturday mornings in June and July.

Julian Road Celebration Saturday, July 22

Father Jeremy, the Museum of Bath at Work and Burlington House (DHI) are all co-operating for the Julian Road celebration. Proceeds will be split between BEMSCA and museum of Bath at Work.

Ceilidh 14 October St Mary's RC church hall. Ticketed event this time - there will be a charge for tickets.

November 5 Festal Eucharist

'Scratch' Messiah - when?

Festal Eucharist

We plan to invite former members of Christ Church to our 225 celebration Eucharist.

Jane will organise this. The following were mentioned as people to be included:

'The maker of the chairs' Penny Edwards' friends, Burrows family, Gladstones, Miles family, Jane Fletchers family, Yvonne Morris' family, Carol Rice.

Publicity

Fliers for the mini fete are being planned.

We will also need fliers for the interactive lectures and organ recital series

Museum of Bath at Work will cover publicity for the Community event.

JB shared a list of events which will increase footfall and raise money. We will need people to help manage these events including the bar. Events list to be circulated.

7) Preparations for the AGM

Isaac Elliott will be standing down from Council. Council wished him blessings for his A Levels. ZB has been invited to become a Trustee and so will step back from Council. ZL has stepped back from Council membership. Council thanked all those who have served on the Council with care and attention.

8) AoB

a) **'Church based community hubs.'** J S recently represented Christ Church at a Bathcan meeting about Church based community hubs - since our Cedar Tree cafe counts as a 'community hub.' The council presented their findings that community hubs such as libraries are being used more since lockdown. From 'warm spaces' we are now trying to build 'community hubs.' Faith based communities were not well represented at the meeting so Jonathan has agreed to continue to represent us and liaise with council.

b) **Mentoring Plus.** The charity has central facilities including a basketball court and a music studio for recording. It might be of interest to us as a venue. A representative of Mentoring Plus would be willing to come and speak to us about the charity before or after a service. Jonathan will follow this up.

- c) J B presented a list of **external bookings**. Now that Trustees have closed the gallery on safety grounds we will discuss with Trustees how to handle bookings to which we have already agreed.
- d) Thanks to those stepping down from council Isaac - blessings for his A Levels. Zoe who will be moving to Trustees, Zi has stepped back.

12) Date and Time of next meeting
TBC