

Minutes of Church Council, 15th May 2006

Present: Nicky Gladstone, David Marles, Yvonne Morris, Margaret Silver, Dorothy Twissell, Clive Tilling, Jane Fletcher, Margaret Burrows, Judith Bishop, Mark Elliott, Martin Palmer, Margaret Heath, Antony Claridge, Bob Siderfin

Apologies: Emma Elliott, David Bishop, Sylvia Ayers, Chris Gladstone, Richard Gabe, Angela Soboslay, Sarah Hiscock

The meeting was chaired by David Marles

New members of Council were welcomed.

Minutes of the last full meeting, held on 11 January, were approved and signed with one amendment. Dorothy Twissell advised that she had been present at that meeting. (Prop: Clive Tilling, Sec: Martin Palmer)

Election of Officers

Anyone willing to stand for election as chairman is to notify the secretary. Thanks were expressed to Yvonne, who has acted as Deputy Chairman for many years, a position which no longer exists under the "new-style" Council.

Nicky advised that, as indicated this time last year, she is not willing to re-stand as Secretary. No-one was forthcoming to fill this vacancy.

Tom Morley, a second-year student at the University and chairman of the student Anglican society, has expressed willingness to be co-opted as a student representative on Council.

A member of the Junior Church will also be co-opted. Mark Elliott will approach someone.

Matters Arising

Greeters

No date has yet been set for a meeting and training session.

Accessibility of Services

Since the last meeting, orders of service have contained more "stage directions". The new order of service booklet will be circulated to Council for discussion once it is finished. Martin raised the issue of line breaks and the fact that congregational prayers are printed in a way which makes them meaningless.

Brunel Manor Weekend Away

Two speakers are booked, Roger Medley and Stephen Rymer. A leaflet will shortly be distributed to those who are going to Brunel Manor.

Remarks from Officiating Minister / LMG Report

Antony observed that the next stage in the life of the LMG will be clearer after the weekend away.

Deanery Synod

Thanks to Margaret Heath for agreeing to fill the vacancy.

Churches Together in Bath

A full report appears in the magazine.

Social Outreach

Nicky Gladstone introduced this item. Following on from Paul Solly's visit to Council, she expressed the opinion that we should start a project to provide a lunch club for the disadvantaged of Julian Road, even if this can only be done once a week or fortnight to begin with. Council was enthusiastic, and it was agreed that Nicky would address the whole congregation during the sermon slot the following Sunday.

It was felt that, in addition to providing much-needed social outreach, Christ Church would benefit from an outward-looking project.

Any Other Business

Evensong Lunch / Tea

The meeting agreed that both the Harvest Lunch followed by an early Evensong and Evensong followed by afternoon tea work well. Mark and Judith agreed to investigate whether this might be possible on other occasions than Harvest.

Tea & Taizé

All were encouraged to attend this service.

Dates of next Meetings

Thursday 6th July

Tuesday 12th September

Wednesday 8th November

Thursday 11th January

The meeting closed with prayers