

Minutes of the Christ Church Council Meeting 18th March 2009

Present:

Sylvia Ayers, David Bishop, Judith Bishop, Lewis Boyd, Margaret Burrows, Mark Elliott [chair], Jane Fletcher, Chris Gladstone, Margaret Heath, Sarah Hiscock, Janet Mahto, David Marles, Yvonne Morris, Martin Palmer, Robert Siderin, Andrew Sillett, Clive Tilling.

Apologies:

Alice Pont, Antony Claridge, Margaret Silver, Angela Soberslay.

3 Approval of Minutes

Inaccuracies in the minutes were noted and the corrected minutes were unanimously approved.

4 Matters Arising...

The Barn Dance – Plans for this were cancelled for this year as it could not be arranged before Lent.

Open Christmas – The Christ Church Open Christmas appeal raised £295.

USPG Appeal – David Marles will write to Adrian Pegg enclosing a donation.

5 Churches Together In Bath

Outcomes of the recent meeting were not detailed as they had been written up in the magazine. All agreed that Churches Together in Bath should have a regular position on the Church Council agenda as an important part of church life.

6 Local Ministry Group

LMG joint services are being held in on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week – with sermons by a visiting Franciscan monk. The traditional dawn services will be held at Charlcombe on Easter morning (starting at 5:45).

7 Deanery Synod

The recent meeting has been written up in the current magazine. Margaret Heath expressed interested in volunteering Christ Church to host a meeting, which was approved unanimously. Sarah Hiscock signalled her intention to stand down next year. A new representative will be sought via the pew leaflet and magazine.

8 John Fenning Bequest

Rev John Fenning bequeathed €2000 with a request it be used to enhance the church's music. It was noted that the bequest was made to the Council,

which does not exist as a business entity. It was proposed that this and any future bequests be passed to, and administered by the Trustees as the body legally responsible for Christ Church.

9 Re-ordering of back of church

Bob Siderfin sought clarification of the terms of reference of the working group set up in January. These (attached) were accepted [Prop; Chris Gladstone, Sec: Sarah Hiscock]. The impact of possibly losing the local council as a tenant at the school was discussed, as this potentially gives us a space for social activities.

10 AOB

Joan Bunkin – Margaret Heath proposed that Joan Bunkin's work for Christ church over 20 years be acknowledged. Angela Soberslay will provide a card.

Junior Church – Sarah Hiscock will try to extend the Junior Church time by having the youngsters leave the service after the Gloria.

Christian Aid – Lewis Boyd noted w/c 16th May as Christian Aid week and sought assistance to get from the congregation support.

Friendship Quilt – Audrey Woods has made a "Friendship Quilt" to be offered to those who are sick to provide a comforting reminder of Christ Church's thoughts and prayers.

11 Next Meeting

The AGM will be on 26th April 2009. The incoming councillors will provide the calendar of meeting dates and main agenda topics as in previous years.

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