



# Christ Church Bath

## Minutes of the Meeting of Christ Church Council Monday, 21 May 2012

**Chair:** Lewis Boyd  
**Secretary:** Angela Soboslay  
**Members present:** Janet Mahto, Morny Davison, Sarah Kerr, Keri Chivers, Margaret Burrows, Angela Townshend, Judith Bishop, Andrew Sillett, Martin Palmer, Mark Elliott, Bob Siderfin, Clive Tilling

Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
1.	Canon Angela Townshend led an opening prayer	
2.	<b>Apologies</b> Absent: Brenda Wall, Malcolm Wall, Tony Buss, Sylvia Ayres, Richard Gabe. Apologies from Margaret Silver. Welcome to new members Sarah Kerr and Morny Davison.	
3.	<b>Approval of minutes (17<sup>th</sup> January 2012)</b> It was to be noted that Janet Mahto, Mark Elliott and Keri Chivers were in attendance at this meeting. Item 6(a) should read "Canon Angela Townshend". Accepted and proposed by Clive Tilling, seconded by Keri Chivers.	Lewis Boyd to update previous minutes

**4. Matters arising**

5 – Still waiting for items from some people.

6 b Trustees – Janet Mahto has started work on the garden but says it will not be difficult to do and says she is happy to take this on and will organise a date. Sarah Kerr and Morny Davison volunteered to help. Canon Angela Townshend suggested a quiet day when all sorted.

Clive Tilling had the bollard flap fixed and unfortunately it has been damaged again. Clive will paint flaps with luminous paint.

Queensbury may eventually take on more parking spaces at the back of church. Lined parking spaces will be marked if they do.

Stewardship Sunday will be on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012, which will also be Harvest Festival.

It was noted that the Shrove Tuesday evening went well and raised £7.00.

**5. Main agenda item – subcommittees to Church Council**

The Chair suggested that there should be small groups to target areas and report back to Council as suggested in Appendix A to the agenda (appended here also).

Worship & Liturgy – Canon Angela Townshend to Chair this. Mark and ABW, Clive Tilling and Tony Buss interested. Annie Pont, Brenda Wall and Penny Edwards to be asked.

Church as Space – Bob Siderfin to Chair. Originally Bob set up a committee, made a report and passed on to Council. Angela Townshend asked for a copy. Permission from the Archdeacon to put up temporary structures. Faculty is easier than planning permission. Not all names on the original committee on Council, at least one should be. Architect will produce quinquennial by the beginning of June and then committee can go ahead. Architect could come up with a plan. Morny Davison, Sarah & Robin Kerr would be interested on being on committee.

Outreach and the Community – Andrew Sillett to be convenor. Andrew Sillett, Malcolm Wall and Angela Townshend have met.

Keri Chivers, Jane Nicholson, Chrissa Hopper and Morny Davison to be asked if would like to go on this committee plus Sarah or Matthew Jones.

Publicity coordinated by Sarah/Matthew Jones.

Morny mentioned mailing shots of special services.

A discussion was had regarding charities. Suggested that perhaps one Sunday service the collection could be donated to one particular charity.

Management of stewardship of giving other than Treasurer – David Bishop, Sylvia Ayres, Janet Mahto to be on Charity of Fundraising Committee, plus possibly Celia, Claire, Lewis Boyd and Angela Townshend.

Hospitality – Angela Soboslay to Chair with Janet Mahto, Margaret Silver, Keri Chivers, Judith Bishop and Clive Tilling (Catering).

All groups to meet, discuss scope of their respective committees, report back to council at the next meeting

**6. (a) Priest In Charge report**

Priest-In-Charge report – AT spoke and said how lovely Mothering Sunday was. On Palm Sunday the congregation numbers were up. Thank you to Mark Elliott and to the Choir for the music. AT mentioned publicity and the TV news report on Easter day. Andrew Sillett mentioned how much he had enjoyed the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. AT said how pleased she was that a good number turned up. A discussion followed about the Good Friday services – children’s service was later, perhaps have service with children at St Mary’s? AT had had an email from the diocese asking if they would like a Bishop for one of our services and suggested Christ the King 2013 and mentioned to diocese that we had had no Bishop for her licensing. AT would like to have a service book with all services in it – happy to have feed back.

**(b) Trustees**

From Mark Elliott. Cottage No. 1 now vacant as tenants have moved to try living in the country. Not received money from BANES but have agreed a figure and have suggested £54,500 for dilapidations. Will not be at a loss, but no profit either. Hope to have a new noticeboard at side of church. Look into new board that can stand outside with services on it same as the Cedar Tree one. Talked of giving a budget to Council for the year e.g. the giving from the congregation – running costs of church and Parish Share. Trustees budget to be used for building work. Mark hopes to have plan for next Council meeting. AT mentioned that that we are not paying Parish Share but will give a contribution to the diocese. Trustees will discuss this further. Trustees will allocate money and discuss who will pay for what in detail.

**(c) Churches Together in Bath**

There had not been a meeting since last Council meeting.

**(d) Deanery Synod**

There is a meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> June to discuss Deanery Plan – Abbey redevelopment. Lewis Boyd is standing down from Deanery Synod, Morny Davison is to take over.

**7. AOB**

Rebecca Cunningham is keen to run a Fair Trade stall once a month. Will have to have storage – Angela Soboslay to sort.

**8. The dates of the rest of the meetings for this session of council were set as follows:**

- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November
- Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> January
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

The next AGM will be held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Council closed with The Grace at 9.05pm