

Church Council Meeting: Tuesday 18th September 2018

7:30, Lower Mews

Present:

Lore Chumbley (Chair), Matthew Jones (Lay Chair), Georgina Bowman, Jonathan Stead, Lewis Boyd, Mark Elliott, Janet Mahto, Jan Nicholson
Tosin Onile-Ere Rotimi: (Secretary)

Opening Prayers: Led by Lore Chumbley

Apologies: Virginia Knight, Sarah Kerr, Brenda Wall, Judith Bishop, Will Willans

Minutes of the last meetings: Minutes of Tuesday 17th July 2018 were read, amended and corrected. The minutes were unanimously adopted.

Cleaner: The council agreed to further explore the possibility of hiring a cleaner for up to four hours a week with Jude Bishop to take the lead in finding someone. The Cleaner will report directly to Lore.

Swift Boxes: There is a Bath based push to support Swift Boxes throughout the community. The members of the council present unanimously agreed that *they* were happy in principle to see boxes installed at the church, *if* all the appropriate conditions could be met, including appointing a member of the congregation to lead the initiative and getting the input of the Diocesan Architect to maintain the integrity of the church.

Young People: Matthew & Jonathan met over the summer to discuss how to increase attendance of students at the church. They came up with the following suggestions to recruit students from Bath University, Bath Spa University and Bath College:

1. Promoting the church to Student societies, particularly the music societies
2. LGBT/Race/Minority groups
3. Jonathan to be the designated student contact

Link to have an editorial board consisting of Alex, Nick & Lewis; they are also working on an editorial charter for the online publication.

Lewis proposed **the re-licencing of Mark Elliot as readert** it was seconded by Georgina and carried unanimously.

Worship: Congregation to be notified of Dates

1. Feast of St Jude & St Simon - October 28th 2018
2. All Souls spoken service - November 2nd 2018
3. Armistice Day Commemoration - November 11th 2018
4. Christ the King - November 25th 2018 Revd Tim Gleghorn to be asked to preach (LC to action)
5. Advent Carol Service - December 9th 2018
6. Christmas Carol Service - December 23rd 2018
7. Christmas All Age Service - 4:30 December 24th 2018

Anniversary of The Church: In two years Christ Church will be **222** years old; plans for celebration and Fundraising. Georgina found some original documents. 'Christ The King'. Georgina will work on a history.

Armistice Day Celebrations:

1. Will will be coordinating the bell ringing activities with support from Lewis, Janet & Lore
2. Brenda is writing a play to mark the day
3. Bells will peal for 3 hours -following the 2 minutes silence at 11am.
4. Lewis suggests a visual remembrance at the corner of the street; a cross made out of poppies

Christmas Carols

Hazel's post cards will be reused with appropriate changes

Fund Raising

Fundraising continues at a steady rate

Inclusivity Committee

Looking for more people to join the committee; Ling to be invited to join and feelers to be put out for others in the congregation to join.

Charity of the Month

Unanimous choice is Open Doors for October. Children's Hospice South West was also discussed and will be included in the charities on the month next year.

Christmas

As Hazel is leaving the advertising committee, it is agreed that someone needs to be shadowing her, to take over the preparation and distribution of the Christmas and Easter postcards the following year.

AOB

Christ Church has offered to Host Deanery Synod Monday 8th of October at 7:30pm There will be a short introduction to the church, a hymn (some of the choir might gt involved). Refreshments will be needed, both sweet and savoury,. Georgina will make fairy cakes.

- Janet discussed Bells & Donor Board, 60-90cm- Board to commemorate those who gave to the bells project. This will be tken forward with reorganisation project.
- Also needed is a plaque to commemorate Frank Twisdell and Audrey Sheppard who part funded renovated of the lanterns outside church & planters. A plaque near the lanterns was suggested if acceptable to the DAC. Jane will source an oak flower pedestal with the remaining money