



Christ Church Bath

Minutes of the Meeting of Christ Church Council Wednesday, 19 October 2011

Chair: Lewis Boyd
Secretary: Lewis Boyd
Members present: Lewis Boyd, Angela Soboslay, Andrew Sillett, Margaret Burrows, Janet Mahto, Tony Buss, Sylvia Ayers, Margaret Silver

Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
1.	Andrew Sillett led the opening prayer	
2.	Apologies Clive Tilling, Mark Elliott, David Bishop, Judith Bishop, Bob Siderfin, Rebecca Nicholson, Martin Palmer, Malcolm Wall, Brenda Wall	
3.	Approval of minutes (30th August 2011) Tony Buss, Sylvia Ayers and David Bishop need to be added to the apologies list. Pending an update and recirculation of the minutes to all members, the minutes were conditionally approved, as tabled by Andrew Sillett, seconded by Janet Mahto.	Lewis Boyd to update previous minutes and recirculate

4. **Matters arising**

For clarity, it was suggested that full names, not initials, be used in all Church Council minutes.

On the note about Genesis collections, it was suggested that not too many collections should be made to encourage a better response.

Lewis Boyd and Angela Soboslay to coordinate when Genesis collections should be taken

Janet Mahto has acquired details of the Genesis food bank, which see presented to council. See Appendix A. Janet is to coordinate efforts with Jane Kirkbride, to ensure a central point of contact at Christ Church for Genesis.

On a related note, the Open Christmas appeal was discussed, and it was agreed that Council would ask Malcolm Wall to coordinate again this year after last year's success.

Lewis Boyd to remind Malcolm Wall.

Alex Soboslay is still pursuing creating a Christ Church information booklet, in the style of the existing publicity.

Angela Soboslay to report back to Council on progress

5. **Main agenda item – Planning for Angela Townshend's arrival**

Invitations have been sent, and are being coordinated by Angela Soboslay. Margaret Burrwos has agreed to help coordinate a list of the Christ Church diaspora to make sure all are aware.

Angela Soboslay and Margaret Burrows to coordinate extra invitations

A number of extra clergy were mentioned, including the vicar of St. Philip and St. James, Odd Down, and the new vicar of St. John's on North Parade.

Sylvia Ayers reported that the licencing service has been advertised through CTB.

It was decided that St. Mary's RC, Julian Road, would be asked to provide an ecumenical representative for the service (to give a gift).

Lewis Boyd to extend invitation to St. Mary's in general, and invite a representative to attend

Parking will be an issue on the night, as St. Mary's car park will not be available. Parking needs to be well controlled to ensure all visitors, Deanery clergy and elderly/disabled Christ Church people have suitable access.

Angela Soboslay to coordinate parking list

The sides persons will be asked to welcome and perform their sides persons duties on the evening.

A retiring collection as discussed, and this would be coordinated with the service plan.

Reserved seats would be required for Angela, her family, the trustees, and any visiting guests.

Lewis Boyd and Malcolm Wall to coordinate on the evening

While publicity has been arranged through local groups and the Deanery, more widespread, secular publicity was discussed. Bath Chronicle could be contacted, as could the local MP, Don Foster.

Andrew Sillett to investigate

Funding for flowers was discussed, and it was agreed that the Trustees should be asked to meet the cost.

Food and drink were discussed for the gathering after the service. It was agreed that the food should be "substantial", rather than simply "nibbles", as some people will have come a long way without being able to stop for dinner. Angela Soboslay volunteered to coordinate the food, and would enrol Clive Tilling's help to arrange on the day. It was agreed that Malcolm Wall should be asked to coordinate the drinks for the evening.

Angela to coordinate food with Clive Tilling, Lewis Boyd to request Malcolm Wall to arrange drinks

Logistics for serving the food and drinks were discussed. It was agreed that serving the congregation in or near their seats is preferable to people queuing at the back of church. This requires careful planning of food and drink stations.

It was agreed that 3 stations would be set up, to be attended by volunteers from Christ Church, many of whom have already volunteered to the Wardens. These stations would be at the back of church by the kitchen, by the Vestry doors, and one by the Sacristy at the front of church. This will also require an announcement at the beginning of the service to make sure everyone is aware of the format.

Glasses and crockery may need to be hired, and this would be coordinated by those responsible for the food and drink.

A gift for Angela was discussed, and it was agreed that Angela Soboslay and Margaret Silver would purchase a bunch of flowers. Andrew Sillett would investigate gift vouchers from either the John Lewis partnership, or Da Vinci's Deli at Bear Flat.

Plans for the celebration of Christ the King on Sunday 20th November were discussed. It was agreed that Angela Soboslay and Angela Morris would arrange a cake, and that spare wine would be bought at the same time as that for Angela's licencing.

6. **(a) LMG**

No report was made.

(b) Trustees

No report was made.

On these 2 items, it was noted that council would request reports in advance from the Trustees and Mark in advance of council in future.

Lewis Boyd to discuss regular reporting with Mark Elliott

(c) Churches Together in Bath

Sylvia Ayers gave a report on the meeting held on 13th October at St. Mary's RC, Julian Road. See appendix B for the full report.

(d) Deanery Synod

Andrew Sillett gave a report on the meeting held on 3rd September at St. Philip and St. James, Odd Down. See appendix C for the full report.

7. AOB

Margaret Burrows brought to council's attention that the Mother's Union (Bath branch) would be holding a tea and coffee stand at the Bath Christmas Markets, in the Abbey offices, Kingston Buildings. Proceed would go to the MU's Student Cookbook, of which around 3000 were distributed during the Fresher's Week at the University of Bath. Margaret extended her thanks for all those who had helped out.

Janet Mahto extended her thanks to members of council and the wider congregation for the care shown to Madge North during Angela and Roy Morris' recent holiday. It was very gratefully received.

Lewis Boyd apologies for the lack of minutes before the meeting, and assured council that all efforts would be taken to avoid this in future.

8. The date of the next meeting will be **Monday 5th December.**

The meeting ended with the grace at 9pm.