



**Minutes of the Meeting  
of Christ Church Council  
Tuesday, 21 May 2013**

**Chair:** Canon Angela Townshend

**Secretary:** Malcolm Wall

**Members present:**

Judith Bishop, Dylan Blackshear, Margaret Burrows, Mark Elliott, Sarah Kerr, Martin Palmer, David Rawlings, Bob Siderfin, Alex Soboslay, Angela Soboslay

1. Angela T led an opening prayer

**2. Apologies**

Brenda Wall, Andrew Sillett

**3. Welcome to new members**

Angela Soboslay, Alex Soboslay, David Rawlings, Dylan Blackshear

**Elections:**

Lay Chair person: David Rawlings

Secretary: Brenda Wall, Deputy Judith Bishop

Council Treasurer: Malcolm Wall

Discussion about how the Treasurer role will work, e.g. audited accounts, etc.

Current cheque signatories David Bishop, Sarah Jones, Mark Elliott

Addition to signatories Malcolm Wall

**4. Approval of minutes 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

The Minutes from the last meeting were approved

## 5. **Matters arising**

- Judith Anderson to review the list of people on the electoral roll as part of her new responsibility. Also to consider how election to Council and Synod.
- The sale of the grand piano was discussed, and Martin Palmer will discuss options with potential purchasers (Steve Shears). Also discussed was what it will be replaced with.
- Christ Church and its Mission document needs to be finished and 'published' but without the contact details. Action: JB
- A new coded lock for the gate will be available in July; it will be changed monthly. (Subsequently Trustees think quarterly will be better.) A new list of people with ownership will be drawn up.

## 6. **Thanks**

Cyril Selmes – Mark Elliott will speak to him Action: ME  
Arthur Jones for 08.00 sidesperson duties – Angela Townshend to speak to him Action: AT  
Adrian Pegg – Angela Townshend to speak to him Action: AT  
Rebekah Cunningham – for taking responsibility for USPG  
John and June Metcalfe  
Matthew and Sarah Jones – for lots of things!

## 7. **Electoral Roll**

Discussion that we need an official list of members – to elect Synod and Council membership  
Mailing List – needs to be updated and with e-mail addresses and it must be kept up to date. Start with electoral roll Action: DB

8. **Link** was presented as a draft by Alex Soboslay – thanks to Alex for preparing this. It looks brilliant and was well received.

9. Discussion about working with **Young People** was postponed until next time when Chris Hopper should be present because of work with Junior Church.

- CRB checks Those currently authorised are Angela Townshend, Lewis Boyd and Malcolm Wall. Angela will speak to Lewis to see if he will continue in charge of CRB. Action: AT

## 10. **Liturgy**

- Angela T presented the newly revised and discussed order of service. Minor alterations were agreed.

- Discussion about who should be allowed to take Communion – is Christ Church inclusive and open to allow non-communicants, or restricted to those of Anglican and any denomination who have been confirmed? A difficult and much discussed subject – the general conclusion was that CC is an open church and we should be open to all.
- The conclusion about children was that at CC children who have been receiving communion have been prepared for communion.
- Other changes were discussed, particularly the order of service and commentaries on the important prayers and steps of the service.

#### 11. **Re-ordering and Building**

The new order seating arrangement for the choir & the altar & the priest and communicants kneeling area received comments from everyone. These are comments made.

- Not enough openness and consultation
- Not enough space
- A need to move the 2 large chairs nearer the choir seating
- The choir reaction is positive and there is a more homogenous sound
- The handling of chalices could be changed after trials
- There is an important need for the choir to come back and sit with the congregation for the sermon and prayers
- The church is much more open
- Although the altar proportions are OK, it needs to look right for the choir as well as the congregation
- We need the communicant rail – it was proposed that this be reviewed by November
- The altar is more integral and central
- Future Council meetings must be able to communicate on the trial
- Plans for the back of the church and entrance were shown by Bob – internal entrance, loos, baby changing facilities, doors. Who has responsibility for the Buildings sub-committee? Answer, the Council.

#### 12. **Lower Mews**

An interested party is talking to Mark about renting the Lower Mews on Saturday mornings and 3 evenings a week for about £12,000+ a

year rent. Mark will keep in touch. Not time for a full discussion.

Action: ME

**13. AOB**

- Contact with St. Andrew's School. Angela T. is in touch. They want 2 new Trustees. Is anyone interested?
- Angela T. thinks it is important that we keep in touch to see how the relationship could develop.

14. The date of the next meeting will be 18<sup>th</sup> June 2013

15. The meeting ended with a prayer and the Grace