

Minutes of Christ Church Council Meeting

18 June 2013

Chair: Angela Townshend

Secretary: Brenda Wall

Members present: Alex Soboslay, Martin Palmer, David Rawlings, Robert Siderfin, Dylan Blackshear, Angela Soboslay, Margaret Burrows, Sarah Kerr, Mark Elliott.

1. Angela T. led an opening prayer
2. Apologies from Malcolm Wall, Judith Bishop, Janet Mahto
3. Minutes of previous meeting accepted
4. **The Trustees** have been discussing: Church Council Budget proposals, building maintenance, provisions for the priest and income from the church and general running costs. The Trustees have also been discussing what the congregation contribution should be and they determined that it should be enough to cover the running of the church. At the moment the congregation is being “subsidised” by income from the property. Bequests are not included in these figures because legally only the Trustees can accept such sums of money. The question of whether we should pay a full “Parish Share” needs a longer discussion.

The Parish Share and the Church Budget on the Agenda for the next meeting and the Trustees Treasurer (David Bishop) should be asked to join the meeting.

The Trustees had asked Mark to discuss the renting of the Lower Mews with an interested party.

5. The bells:

- some bells need replacing.
- louvres in the belfry would need partial blocking

- a sound box would be built in the tower. (A sound box could mean that we can temper the sound to fit the occasion.)
- an exhibition is planned with a recording of the bells
- there are potential donors for engravings on the bells
- the World Heritage Fund and other charities may contribute.

6. **Mailing list** - Dylan B .is working on a list

Action: DB

7. **Safeguarding** Is Lewis Boyd continuing as Safeguarding Officer?

Action: AT

8. **Sunday School/Young People** Teachers couldn't come to the meeting, discussion next time. the children seem excited by what they are doing. Angela T to have a meeting with Sunday School teachers after the summer.

Action: AT

But is there enough for teenagers to do? Angela S mentioned an outing that there used to be. Should that be re-introduced?

And a mid-week meeting leading to confirmation? Maybe they should be asked? And should membership of CC Committee be open as well?

We appear to have no new University students this term.

St. Andrews Junior School is coming to CC for their Harvest Festival, instead of going to St. Swithin's. A trust is being set up at the school so that the choir can travel.

Should we offer them an Advent workshop? Action: AT

Should St Andrew's choir be invited to the Advent Carol Service?

9. **Services**

It was suggested that we have too many pieces of paper to shuffle during services. David Rawlings suggested that the hymns, psalms & readings be on one sheet, notices on another sheet.

Action: AT to ask Mark to look at this.

We agreed that we are generally happy with the new liturgy. Martin Palmer requested the return of the Prayer of Humble Access. AT explained that it will return for Lent and Advent.

10. Reordering: AT has had 4 comments on the re-ordering. We will discuss changes at the next meeting. AS asked if we should perhaps try another way of distributing communion at the chancel steps?

And should the pulpit be moved? Should the Eagle be moved to the top of the dais?

The tiles around the altar appear grubby. Professional conservation cleaners tried two methods, neither made a difference.

The size of the altar in the new position was questioned.

Plans are also being developed for the refurbishing of west end. The petition for a faculty on both projects (toilets and re-ordering of the sanctuary) has to be presented together. We need to develop a list of priorities which goes to the building committee. Should we invite the church architect to a meeting in October?

Pictures were shared of etchings on glass doors.

A sheet to explain the CofE Faculty process to be distributed.

Action: Alex S

A display of the initial plans for the west end to be displayed.

Action: RS

The building group is making visits to other re-ordered churches and we were all encouraged to gather ideas and a notice in Link magazine and weekly notice sheets will be inserted with that request. Action: AS

Martin Palmer to call Vicar of Midsomer Norton church to plan a visit to look at their re-ordering and building work.

Action: MP

(All this information will appear on the website and hard copies will

be at the back of church.)

11. **Harvest Festival** will be celebrated on October 6.

- do we want to auction off the contributions of vegetables?
- a PARTY the night before Harvest (Sat. 5 October)
- make a charge and aim for a surplus to begin fund raising.
- Clive Tilling to be approached re. food for a Harvest Supper
Action: AT
- Offerings of dried and tinned goods to go to the Foodbank or
Genesis Trust
- retiring collection for USPG. (We should fund raise over
several Sundays.) AT to talk to Rebekah about USPG
materials. Action: AT

12. David Wrigley's farewell lunch is to be held on 21 July, 2013.
Ideas for a presentation to him and entertainment to AT.

13 Dates of meetings for the rest of the year:

July 30, September 17, November 12, January 7 2014,
February 25, 2014, March 25, 2014.

The AGM will be held on 6 April 2014.

14. The meeting closed with prayer at 21.30.