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# CHRIST CHURCH, CHILWELL

## ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday 30 March, 2015

Venue: Christ Church

Time: 7:30pm

Chair: Alan Howe (Vicar)

Secretary: Ruth Price

There were 82 people present for the meeting.

### 2 **Welcome**

Opening prayers, welcome and introduction to Greer

Alan Howe

Sung Worship

Fran Beedell

### 3 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from:

Kevin Twissell, Anne and John Stafford, Joyce Tomkinson, Ann Gardner, Trish Roberts-Thomson, Anne Marjoram, Pam and Ray Farndon, Chris and Graham Roseblade, Ann Powell, Lillian Heptenstall, Mike and Doreen Chapman, Jane Barker, Freda Lees, Gill Kirkwood, Marie Horton, Ben Price.

### 3 **Casting a vision 2015-16.** Slides are on the internet, and available from the church office.

Alan Howe

It's Alan's tenth APCM and he is still enjoying life at Christ Church. Lenton Abbey was one of the first churches to be awarded Investor in People. He focuses on Investing in People in this presentation.

Fran Beedell is Pastoral Coordinator and the longest serving member of paid staff. She does a lot of great work behind the scenes, including coordinating the small groups and bereavement support. The members at Christ Church also look after each other well. Alan has enjoyed visiting the small groups again. He has visited half of the small groups so far and is looking forward to visiting the rest this year.

The children's work is a huge undertaking with over 70 DBS volunteers. A big thanks goes to the many volunteers who have kept the children's work and events continuing this year while we have been awaiting our new children's worker, particularly people like Judith Renton for events and Louise Rostron in the 10:45am service.

Greer was introduced. Greer and her mum came to the meeting, and her dad and three brothers will be arriving later in the week for her wedding. She is from a small town in Washington State, Ephrata:



(taken from [www.drsaid.net](http://www.drsaid.net))

She was active in the church as a child and went to Dallas Baptist University to read for a BA in Christian Studies with an emphasis on children's ministry and primary (or elementary) education. She developed her personal theology of working as a "servant leader" there. As part of the course, she worked in Melton Mowbray for a short time, and then went back after she graduated to work there for three years as a children's and family worker.

Her passion for children's work came during high school when she went on a short term mission trip and really enjoyed engaging with small children to tell them about Jesus.

The differences she's found between the UK and US is that places she's worked in the US were very large churches where she worked with 200 preschool children. In the UK she's worked in smaller churches, but she feels that it's important not to concentrate on SIZE but what God does through his people. Greer's number one aim in her life is to fear God and love his people (learnt from her pastor at her home church). She wants work to provide opportunities so people can experience his love.

Greer's favourite bible passage is Matt 5v16 "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." She hopes to live like this, and live it out to the children.

The youth groups have a great volunteer team. Five young people and two adults are getting confirmed at the end of April in Stapleford and there is a full immersion baptism service on Easter Sunday evening. There is an advert out presently for a part time youth worker. Young people are praying for each other in their groups, which is very encouraging.

CAP is going well and it is so important. More than half of the people coming to CAP have considered taking their lives due to their debt. The PCC are considering adding a job club.

The church has been investing in our community, including a one off gift to HOPE as they had a challenging time in 2014. Other projects like the night shelter are also supported.

In 2014, congregation numbers are holding steady but the aim is to grow and one way this can be encouraged is by investing in the staff team. Two houses were sold and the profits used both at Christ Church and St Barnabas. See slides for details.

In 2015, the focus is to outreach in our community. More information will come out in the next few months about our role as acting as a hub for the deanery. There is investment in staff teams and again, thanks go to all volunteers who have stepped up to fill gaps. The centenary celebrations are in July, and a mission period conducted by Bishop Tony in Sept called "seed scattering".

Alan finished the slide show by praying.

## 5/6 Centenary plans and "scattering the seeds"

Graham  
Gardner, Mary  
Stanley, Gill  
Benson

Graham is chairing the coordinating group. 100 years ago the church was a smaller building and was part of Attenborough parish. Chilwell didn't have its own parish until 1974. These celebrations can be used to contact people who used to live here and invite them back, and to contact people who don't come to church presently.

The centenary week is 1-5 July and will also include the Inspire Summer Ball on 27 June. On the Sunday, Rev John Williams (who was vicar from 1974-90) will be preaching in the morning, and Sonia will preach in the evening. There will be a flower festival and exhibition on the history of the church this week.

The seed scattering on 25-27 Sept is going to be run by Tony and Lucille Porter who will visit five schools and run the special Harvest Festival guest service on Sunday. On Saturday Christians in Sport is going to be interviewing Neil Baldwin, who was the main character in the BBC drama "Marvellous".

Lots of volunteers are needed. There are sheets for people to volunteer to help. If people know anyone who used to live in the parish please do contact them to invite them.

Mary is organising the flower festival which will be set up on Mon-Tue then the plan is for the church to be open Wed-Sun during the day and evening for people come in. Flowers will be put on window sills, lectern, alter etc. A rota will be produced so that there are volunteers in the church to welcome people and to make tea and coffee, plus people to make cakes. It is also hoped that well dressing activities could be a part of the week (clay board which is decorated with flowers, etc). The council has been asked for help with materials, schools will be asked to come in and take part, and then the arrangements will be added to the display. On Saturday, Hope community gospel choir will sing.

Gill is planning to create a display on the history of the church. Photos, memories, journals etc will be used, the congregation will be asked to loan any they have. The young people have agreed to video anyone who is willing to talk about their memories and this would be played during the centenary week.

7 **Election of Church Wardens**

Alan Howe

Penny has been amazing and it’s been a tough year. It is fantastic that Clint Redwood has volunteered to be the second Warden.

| <b>Candidate</b> | <b>Proposed</b>  | <b>Seconded</b>    |
|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| PENELOPE WALLACE | KATHLEEN HENSHAW | ASTRID WORTHINGTON |
| CLINT REDWOOD    | JUDITH RENTON    | KAREN WALKER       |

Elected by show of hands with no opposition.

8 **Approval of 2014 APCM Minutes**

Alan Howe

Penny Wallace commented that the names of some of the sidespeople were missing in section 9. These will be added.

Proposed that the meeting should approve the minutes with this amendment raised by Penelope Wallace. Seconded by Graham Gardner. Approved by a majority show of hands.

9 **Elections**

Elections of the **auditors** for the accounts will be done during the Financial Statement.

Elections for **PCC members**

Alan Howe

Alan thanked all those who were on the PCC for 2014/15, but particularly those who are standing down (Elizabeth Attwood, Tom Barron, Peter Broadley, and Tim Easun, and Clint Redwood who is now standing as warden). There are six vacancies and four nominations so all go through unopposed:

| <b>Candidate</b> | <b>Proposed</b> | <b>Seconded</b> |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| BEN MARSTON      | PHIL WILLMOT    | CLAIRE SHENTON  |
| RUTH PRICE       | PAUL BEEDELL    | ANNE WILLMOT    |
| GEORGE RUSSELL   | PAUL BEEDELL    | FRAN BEEDELL    |
| PAUL BEEDELL     | GRAHAM GARDNER  | ANNE WILLMOT    |

There are two vacancies, so two people could be co-opted during the course of the year.

Appointment of **Sidespeople** – these are people who organise the welcome teams, etc

Penny Wallace

GRAHAM GARDNER (9am), LOUISE ROSTRON (10:45am) and PETE & GILL BENSON (7pm).

All elected without opposition.

Appointment of **Assistant Wardens**

Penny Wallace

Penny thanked Mark Wallace for his support this year. All assistant wardens were given a bottle of wine each to say thank you for last year.

TONY SMITH (9am), LOUISE ROSTRON (10.45am) and ANNE WILLMOT (7pm) were all re-elected without opposition. Penny looks forward to working again with the whole team, and to working with Clint next year.

10 **Annual Report for 2014**

Alan Howe

The annual report was presented. It is available at the back of church and has been on line.

Members at the meeting were happy to accept this report.

11 **Financial Statement for 2014** – slides available from the office

Gary  
Stephenson

Jesus is interested in our life AND money.

The financial statement is provided in the last eight pages of the annual report. The two main parts are the balance sheets and SOFA (Statement of Financial Activity), which puts things in a rigid format that makes things more difficult to understand.

Money is presented in three sections: Christ Church, CAP and St Barnabas because details are held at Christ Church for all. It is also split into General Income, which can be used for anything for the church, and Restricted Income, which has to be used for a particular project.

There is a deficit budget but some money is brought forward because of the house sale, so the church is still solvent.

Two houses were sold last year. The money is to be used for kingdom growth, but it is also needed to cover our costs. The curate's house was sold for £214,000. All the money from this can be used for kingdom growth. Church House was sold for £170,000 and half was given to St Barnabas. After paying for our budget deficit, there is around £40,000 left.

There were challenges and Gary discussed the spending compared to the forecast done last year. Some were more or less, some as expected. Large differences were due to huge unexpected gas bill (the invoices were based on estimates, so when the reading was actually taken there was a large bill), and an opportunity presented itself to buy a sound desk at a good price this year although it was budgeted for in 2015.

**Questions about the financial report:**

Keith Stevenson asked the PCC to budget for the catering equipment in the church hall. He stated that the cooker doesn't work well; the hall is offered to rent for social events so we should have a good provision there.

Gary Stephenson replied that last year we coped with make dos but this year the PCC will look at this. ACTION PCC

Graeme Renton suggested that the centenary celebrations were used as a motivation to ask the church to make a special contribution to a larger project for the church.

Gary Stephenson replied that this has been discussed briefly by the PCC but perhaps we should consider this more seriously.

There were no further questions, though Gary encouraged members to email any questions that arise after the meeting to him and these can be discussed in the PCC.

**Accept and approve the accounts.**

Proposed: Gary Stephenson. Seconded: Keith Stevenson. Approved by show of hands without opposition.

**Appoint Baldwin & Company for 2015.** No suggestions for an alternative auditor.

Proposed: Gary Stephenson. Seconded: Alan Howe. Approved by the show of hands without opposition.

Next year: Included in the accounts are general spending, ministry and CAP. Utilities should be OK this year. Not included are projects – hall, raising funds, etc as these haven't been planned yet.

A good amount of income comes through gift aid. Gary asked tax payers who give to the church to sign up for gift aid.

CAP needs about £15,300 this year, and outside grants are being sought for this.

Parish Share. This needs discussion in the diocese as the 2016 review is unequal. Gary has set up a meeting to start the discussion. More will be shared with the church as the year progresses.

Gary thanks the membership for continued support. Alan thanked Gary for all his hard work during the year.

12 **General Questions**

Paul Kirkwood asked if a decision had been made regarding the outward giving.

Alan replied that this year has been decided. Margaret added that the details for this year will be out this week or next (first two weeks in April).

13 **Drawing things together**

Alan Howe

This year is going to be very exciting. Alan stated that he has been encouraged by the love and support of the church family and how people have worked together. He is looking forward to the centenary celebrations and the seed scattering events. The aim should always be to introduce more people to Jesus. Let's pray and get better and better at taking who we are to people outside the church.

14 **Closing Prayer**

Alan Howe

15 **Electoral Roll numbers** (additional item added after the close of the meeting)

Helen Mather provided the following information:

There are a total of 237 members currently on the electoral roll. 122 live in the parish, and 114 live outside the parish. It is unknown where one member lives. There were 11 new members in the past year, and 14 left in this time.