
CHRIST CHURCH, CHILWELL,

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

7.30pm, Christ Church, Thursday 26th March 2018

Chair: Andy Tufnell

Secretary: Chris Brignell

Present: There were 95 people present.

Apologies: Trish Roberts-Thomson, Anne Marjoram, Kathryn Britton, Chris Roseblade, Linda Sadler, Pat Reid, Sally Hodges, Pam Fardon, Roger Hird

1. **Welcome and worship**

Andy Tufnell welcomed the church members to the meeting.

Ryan Mellor led the congregation in worship.

2. **Apologies for absence**

See above.

3. **Approval of APCM minutes (26/3/17) and matters arising**

Minutes were proposed by Penny Wallace and seconded by Alan Darley.

4. **Elections – including the Annual Vestry Meeting**

a. Church wardens

Nominations were:

Clint Redwood, proposed by Judith Renton, seconded by Rebekah Redwood

Stephen Scott, proposed by Sarah Lyon seconded by Keith Pentelow

They were elected unopposed.

b. PCC members

Nominations were:

Chris Brignell, proposed by Sarah Anderson, seconded by Ian Storer

Janis Patterson, proposed by Ryan Mellor, seconded by Dawn Clarke

Ruth Price, proposed by Ben Price, seconded by Chris Brignell

Gary Stephenson, proposed by Carol Pentelow, seconded by Penny Glover

They were elected unopposed.

c. Sidespeople

The following people will continue to in these roles: Tony Smith for 9am, Ken Lyon for 10.45, Gill & Pete Benson for 7pm

d. Assistant wardens

The following people will continue in these roles: Tony Smith for 9am, Anne Willmot for 7pm. Stephen Clarke will take over from Louise Rostron for 10.45.

5. Review of 2017

Penny Wallace thanked those who had contributed to the report and encouraged members to read it.

Greer Jones reported that there was lots of growth in many areas of children ministry. Greer will shortly be leaving Christ Church to move to Oxford, and encouraged everyone to get involved through helping in children's groups and activities such as the recent Easter Egg hunt.

Andy Tufnell recorded thanks to the following people:

Kerry Broadley who resigned as parish administrator at the end of 2017.

Richard Pratt is retiring as a lay reader, having started in 1995, and will become Reader Emeritus.

Greer Jones for her hard work as Children and Families Minister.

Linda Sadler for her service as warden at St Barnabas, Inham Nook.

Clint Redwood for his service as warden at Christ Church, Chilwell.

Penny Wallace for her service of 7 years as warden of Christ Church, Chilwell. Penny was presented with gifts on behalf of the church. Penny expressed her thanks for the gifts and for the helpfulness of her fellow wardens and the wider church membership.

6. Financial review

a. Report and accounts for 2017

Gary Stephenson presented the financial report for the parish which has been approved by the PCC and the independent auditor. For Christ Church, General Funds show a surplus of £4k this year. £15k was spent on building works and £10k was spent on supporting the CAP project from the Kingdom designated fund. £36k was spent on staff costs from the Ministry designated fund. Kingdom and Ministry funds are projected to be spent during 2018. Updates will be given to the PCC and church membership every quarter.

b. Election of examiner for 2018

Gary proposed that we appoint Community Accounting Plus as the independent auditor for 2018. They were elected with no objections.

c. Forecast for 2018

Gary presented charts showing how attendance and congregational giving have remained broadly stable since 2011. Gary thanked Karen Walker for her role in coordinating personal giving. Gary noted that the funds received in 2014 from house sales will be used up in 2018. This year will be a time of change – a new beginning. In recent years about two thirds of unrestricted income has been

spent on parish share and outward giving, with the remaining third to pay for church utilities, running costs and ministry. Gary finished by challenging us: Do we want to build and are we going to resource it?

7. Vision for 2018

Andy has been asking for people to share their vision for Christ Church. Most of these aspirations don't rely on the staff team or PCC but fall on the shoulders of the congregation. Our vision for the next seven years will lay the foundation for future generations.

Christ Church is a Spirit-filled family committed to following Jesus through celebrating God together and sharing God's transforming love with our wider communities. We do that by

- **reaching neighbours with love and authenticity,**
- **teaching the Bible with care and integrity,**
- **praying persistently with purpose and expectation,**
- **growing together in generosity and joy,**
- **going out as servants, leaders and witnesses.**

By 2025 we will welcome 150 new followers, double the number of children, train younger leaders, grow a worshipping community, and redevelop our halls. Andy shared visions that people had received of God pouring out his blessing over Christ Church and Chilwell.

By 2019 we will restructure our staff team, relocate the office, regularly host special events, improve site security and facilities, and establish a closer relationship with St Barnabas.

Every member of Christ Church, within their means, will commit to gather regularly, get involved practically and prayerfully and give financially.

8. Questions and comments

Mick Rose: You didn't mention pastoral ministry.

Andy: We had Fran Beedell for a long time in a pastoral role. I hope that my role will include pastoral ministry, but in a church of this size we need a coordinated response, and volunteers to assist would be welcome. Pastoral ministry should happen primarily through relationships, such as through house groups.

Alison Swindall: Has a decision be made about whether we will have a pastoral minister?

Andy: I don't envisage that we will have a dedicated paid member of staff but there will be individual(s) to coordinate this.

Richard Pratt: Many children within our parish also attend George Spencer, as well as Alderman White and Chilwell School.

Andy: Noted.

Mal Bath: How do you envisage the practical relationship with St Barnabas?

Andy: Many people have indicated a closer relationship with St Barnabas as part of Christ Church's vision. This may be physical help, sharing personnel and/or finances.

Stephen Scott: A child who came to Christ Church for the first time last week said she wanted to come next week.

Andy: I hope that all children will want to spend longer at Christ Church.

Colin Slater: It is tempting to focus on the number of 150, rather than concentrating on welcoming them. In terms of moving the office to the upper room, the stairs may prove an obstacle to some members.

Andy: While staff may be located upstairs, and the access is an issue, there is no reason why meetings can't take place downstairs. We need a welcome pack or a welcome to the area pack. The welcome starts in the street, in the coffee shop, in the workplace.

Penny Wallace: We are looking for volunteers to help with welcoming.

Mary Stanley: We have an ageing population and some struggle to get to church who we don't actively reach.

Andy: Pastoral care begins with people, but when needs are communicated to the office then we can address those. Hopefully the staff team will be released from other tasks to perform pastoral ministry.

Judith Leader: Would you do the same with children? It sounds like older people don't matter as much.

Andy: Older people matter just as much as children. The children's ministry will be run by volunteers but with oversight from a dedicated staff member. That will release me to oversee a team of volunteers dedicated to pastoral ministry for adults and seniors. As it happens, the number of volunteers leading ministries to adults/seniors outweighs the number of volunteers for children's ministries. Furthermore, adults and seniors are generally better at organising and caring for one another than children and young people are for themselves – perhaps that's a reason why children and young people tend to need a dedicated member of staff to oversee ministry to them.

9. Conclusion

Andy encouraged people to continue to feedback comments and questions. The PCC will discuss and approve the vision at their next meeting in May.

10. Close in prayer

Andy closed in prayer.