

## APCM MINUTES

Monday 24 April 2017

7.30pm

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### 1. WELCOME WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Tim welcomed all to the meeting. This was followed by a time of worship and prayer to set God at the centre of the meeting.

### 2. "VESTRY MEETING"

#### ATTENDANCE (ELECTORAL ROLL)

Joel Allaby	James Flanders	John McLean
David Baker	Mike Fuller	Susan McLean
Beatrice Ball	Ann Gate	James Mears
Luke Barnes	Anna Giles	Laura Mears
Howard Bartlett	Hilary Grew	David Moisey
Jennifer Bartlett	Madeleine Hall	Helen Moss
Carolyn Bedford	Erica Hanson	Neville Page-Jones
Bruce Bennetts	Rita Harding-Williams	Lesley Phillips
Sue Bennetts	Athena Harper	Holly Pratley
Kate Bird	Gareth Harper	Fay Price
Harry Blagden	Jenny Harris	Jane Price
Carol Blagden	Steve Harris	Jane Pringle
Kirsty Booth	Alan Hatfield	Toni Rains
Becky Brannigan	Vicky Heath	Peter Ray
Kieran Brannigan	Dan Hobbs	Catherine Ray
Caroline Breckon	David Holtom	Christine Robertson
Luke Briner	Elizabeth Horlick-Jones	Dave Rowe
Simon Britton	Steve Hughes	Keith Selby
Affie Brown	Christine Hughes	Marinel Short
Helen Brunt	Daniel James	Virginia Smith
Paul Burgess	Keith Jefferies	Richard Smith
Stephen Cartwright	David Jenkins	Madeleine
Stanimeros		
Jill Cheesman	Luci Jobson	Harry Steven
Emily Chesworth	Nigel Jobson	Sandy Steven
Josh Chesworth	Tom Johnson	Helen Stott
James Clapp	Mary Jones	Peter Strachan

David Clarke  
Jane Clements-Yapp  
Andrew Cook  
Rachel Cowling  
George Croly  
Franclois Crous  
Mike Darbandi  
Joanna Daykin  
Jonathan Daykin  
James de Courcy  
Clair de Courcy  
Ralpha Deakin  
Michelle Dearman  
Gareth Dickinson  
Morag Dobbin  
David Dorey  
Sarah Dorey  
Roger Eckley  
Anne Eckley  
Nick Eden  
Tania Edwards  
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Luke Falvey  
Sarah Firkins  
Neil Fix

Simon Jones  
Julie Kennedy  
Julie Keyte  
Barry Lambert  
Susan Lambert  
Chris Lang  
Elizabeth Lang  
David Lee  
Rebecca Lee  
Joanna Leighton  
Graham Leighton  
Penny Lewis  
Rod Livings  
Pearl Livings  
Martin Lovegrove  
Katherine Lynch  
David Lynch  
Elizabeth Lambert  
Richard McConnell  
Garry McCrea  
Jill McCrea  
  
Cynthia McGill  
Caro McIntosh  
Andrew McKenzie  
Margaret Maynard-Madley

Anne Straiton  
Peter Straiton  
Josie Surgenor  
Hudson Talbot  
Julia Thomson  
Neil Thomson  
Ollie Tigwell  
Sylvia Walker  
Libby Wall  
Jeremy Wall  
Kath Warner  
Richard Warner  
Jonathon Watkins  
Andrew Whittaker  
Liz Williams  
Sarah Workman  
Jane Worzencraft  
Gill Wren  
John Wyatt  
Margaret Wyatt  
Andrew Yapp

#### **ATTENDANCE (NON-ELECTORAL ROLL)**

Tim Callaghan  
Beth Chaney  
James Chapman  
Helen Coleman  
Debra Cowie  
Pamela Daniel  
Wallace Dobbin

Zena Drew  
Jason Gibbard  
Luc Harding  
Debbie Heusch  
Russell Heusch  
Jane Howell  
Richard Knudsen

Mary Rawson  
Sam Ross  
David Short  
James Simms  
Sam Stone  
Helen Thomas  
Benjamin Torrens  
Alex Workman

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#### **APOLOGIES**

Sabrina Bin-Ali  
Simon Firkins

Marie Hobbs  
Simon Lewis

Carol Rowbotham  
Simon Rowbotham  
Pat Selby

Rosie Flanders  
Julia Hande  
Catherine Harkness  
Duncan Harkness  
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Megan Lovegrove  
Rowan Lovegrove  
Alex Metcalfe  
Cat Metcalfe

James Slough  
Rosemary Strachan  
Jacqui Whitbread  
Tony Whitbread

## **APPOINTMENT OF CLERK TO THE MEETINGS**

It was proposed by Penny Lewis and seconded by Peter Strachan that Jill Cheesman be appointed as clerk to the meetings. All agreed.

## **MINUTES OF VESTRY MEETING MONDAY 25 APRIL 2016**

It was proposed by Garry McCrea and seconded by Mike Darbandi that these minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of this Vestry meeting. All agreed.

## **MATTERS ARISING**

Tim reminded the meeting that, at the last Vestry meeting, he had promised that all the procedures for elections and electoral roll would be discussed and reviewed as stated by the Archdeacon and his team during the visitation. Accordingly everything had been done to prepare everything in the right way, including the complete renewal of the Electoral Roll, and the information that had been circulated prior to elections. Thanks were expressed to Mike Darbandi and Julia Thomson for all their work in this regard.

## **ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS**

Thanks were expressed to the 2 churchwardens standing down - to Harry Steven for all his work during a most difficult time; and a presentation was made to Garry McCrea for the many years of service as churchwarden. People's thanks was expressed with applause, then David and Katherine Lynch prayed for Harry and Garry.

There being only 2 nominations for 2 churchwardens, the following 2 people were confirmed:

**James Mears**  
**Helen Stott**

Proposed by Kate Bird and seconded by Andy Cook

Proposed by Harry Steven and seconded by Luci Jobson

All were agreed, and Mike Fuller prayed for James and Helen as they begin this new role.

### **3. APCM**

#### **MINUTES OF APCM 25 APRIL 2016**

It was proposed by Gareth Harper and seconded by Josh Chesworth that these minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting. There were no objections and some abstentions, and the proposal was carried.

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

Tim referred to the matter arising in the Vestry meeting concerning the review of procedures as pertinent also to the APCM.

#### **ELECTIONS OF DEANERY SYNOD AND PCC**

Prior to elections it was noted that there had been one subsequent name for Deanery Synod - that Maddie Hall had been proposed by Hudson Talbot and seconded by Luke Falvey.

Thanks were expressed to Richard Jelfs and Andrew Yapp now standing down from serving on the PCC.

Voting papers had been distributed to those eligible to vote, written votes were cast and a group of tellers retired to count the votes. These results were given much later in the meeting but are recorded now:

#### **The following were elected to be Deanery Synod representatives from Trinity:**

<b>David Baker</b>	Proposed by James Clapp and seconded by Jacqui Clapp
<b>Rich McConnell</b>	Proposed by Becky Brannigan and seconded by Gareth Harper
<b>Maddie Hall</b>	Proposed by Hudson Talbot and seconded by Luke Falvey
<b>Garry McCrea</b>	Proposed by David Lynch and seconded by Jenny Harris

#### **The following were elected to be members of the PCC:**

<b>Luke Briner</b>	Proposed by Neville Page-Jones and seconded by Libby Wall
<b>Joanna Daykin</b>	Proposed by Jonathan Sandys and seconded by Sarah Dorey
<b>James de Courcy</b>	Proposed by Garry McCrea and seconded by Steve Harris
<b>Michelle Dearman</b>	Proposed by Julia Thomson and seconded by Chris Hughes
<b>Madeleine Stanimeros</b>	Proposed by Andrew Whittaker and seconded by Mike Darbandi
<b>Peter Strachan</b>	Proposed by David Holtom and seconded by Jonathon Watkins

## REPORTS

### ELECTORAL ROLL

It was reported that, at the APCM of 25 April 2016 the number on the Electoral Roll was 597.

Complying with the visitation mentioned previously, all these names were deleted, and by 9 April 2017 387 names were added to the Electoral Roll. The PCC accepted this report at the PCC meeting on 10 April 2017.

It was also noted that 1001 names now figured on ChurchApp, so people were encouraged to continue to sign up to the Electoral Roll.

It was suggested that there be more explanation given in church as to what the Electoral Roll is about, especially for those without an Anglican background.

Thanks were expressed to Mike Darbandi and his team for the efficient and effective way with which the whole procedure has been conducted.

### FINANCE

Peter Strachan presented the financial report, indicating that the 2016 accounts had been presented to the PCC and accepted subject to audit, and audited accounts would be on the Trinity website. The faithfulness of God was emphasised in all these details.

Peter presented a financial overview covering Income of £1,040,452 and Expenditure of £1,061,922 for 2016, including restricted funds, with a deficit of £21,470 at the end of 2016. The Operational Income of £893,794 and Expenditure of £911,584, with a deficit of £17,790 at the end of 2016 does not include restricted and designated funds.

Peter also showed a diagram of percentage of money spent on different ministries: Alpha 8%; Transform (including Life Groups, Family courses, Sozo, King's Table, Garage) 15%; Mission 14%; Youth 9%; Students 10%; Worship 13%; Women 5% Kids 10% Weekend 16%; fledgling Men's ministry no cost. The amount of parish share is distributed across these categories, with a fair amount of same in Weekend. Expenses such as light and heating, etc and salaries are also distributed across the categories.

Peter also noted that TCT had a surplus of £28,000 at end 2016.

The SLT pay very close attention to expenditure, and as at 31 December members of staff who had left had not been replaced.

Massive thanks were expressed to Christine, Beth, Harry and Peter for their very diligent work.

## **BUILDINGS**

Mike Darbandi emphasised how blessed we are to have such amazing facilities and a team of great people helping to maintain them. Huge thanks were expressed to the Tuesday maintenance team for their incredible job and the way they save the church hundreds of pounds.

The boiler has been replaced in church and work done on lighting in church. All the buildings have been painted externally.

The electrical 3-4 year check-up is due this year. The Quinquennial report by architect on the church building is also due this year.

Wifi fast broadband has been installed in the buildings.

The Winchcombe House offices we lease continue under review by PCC and SLT, though no change is currently expected.

## **LEADERSHIP**

**Tim invited participation from those present concerning ‘What have you seen of God at work in or through the life of Trinity in the last 12-15 months ?’**

### **Replies:**

- People growing in faith through Alpha
- Lots of younger people leading worship
- People being healed and set free through Sozo
- Encouragement through hearing testimonies
- The presence of God in worship
- Family tragedy managed incredibly well
- Life Group support for mission
- Amazement at the number of children in Kids Church and them telling us what they’ve learnt
- Teenagers thriving through Youth
- Great Christmas /Advent evening for women
- Intercessors who have faithfully prayed, for breakthroughs, for children

- Lakeside school has received 'Open the Book'
- Graciousness of Tim and Hils
- God's blessing to a non-Christian family at time of losing Mum
- Enhanced relationship between Trinity and the Diocese over the last months
- Life Groups doing life, support, friendship
- Preaching team have gone up a gear, become broader, articulating encounter with God
- 8 new Christians on Easter Sunday
- At King's table an army rising up, guests sharing faith with others, part of mission team, tithing
- Student ministry on Wednesday nights in fellowship, prayer, ministry
- 11 men on an extreme character challenge
- Street teams - relationships with people desperate for love
- Team at Whistlestop, with support from the worship team, providing support for families in the community
- Amazing times at church after heartache through worship, Word and love
- School of Theology Greek course helping someone even though dyslexic
- Children, husband, family challenged to grow in faith and relationship with God
- Thanks to David and King's Table team
- The community in the New Wine village
- Still new things happening, new people, new songs
- Discipleship year team growth in courage, confidence, stories of street evangelism
- Trinity school, going into school, special Easter and Pentecost events, friendship
- Sun shining into the Church building, also light shining out of church. The promise of end January last year that God had not finished but had a plan.
- God birthing something among men in 20's and 30's
- The carpet is dirty because of so many coming in
- Friendship of the Archbishop
- God in the midst of pain and the rawness of loss, bringing hope
- Baptising Mario's grandma 3 weeks before she died
- Leading communion in King's Table
- Midwife saying that mum-to-be would be fine because at Trinity and so had support
- Frontline as Christian in secular workplace

Tim then spoke about:

## 1. THE PAST 12-15 MONTHS - KEY WORD: THANKFUL

### Thankful to God:

That we come with confidence to God's throne of grace, and through much challenge and tragedy and difficulty we have seen God with us and at work among us.

God leads the church - He doesn't change, so we must be faithful to Him, lean into God, take Him at His word for more to come. Mission and ministry have continued, with growth and new Christians, God growing big peoples and big hearts.

### **Thankful to others:**

200+ emails asking 'how is Trinity?' God loves His church and so do we.

Thankful for the church family - privilege and pain - all have played their part - great staff team, great PCC and Life Group leaders, all ministry leaders, capable and able SLT -

Tim asked SLT members to stand and expressed how grateful he was to them.

Gareth - commented on the church now in transition, but right to thank and honour Tim for the sensitive, humility and wisdom with which he has led the church through the horrific crisis, and for Hils alongside him. Gareth prayed for Tim and Hils, God's people 'for such a time as this'. James and Helen (new church wardens) prayed for Tim and Hils on behalf of Trinity that God would replenish what they had given with a double portion.

Gareth added that on Wed 26<sup>th</sup> focus would be on Andrew and Nicki and them leading us in a different way and supporting them, but for now express thanks to Tim and Hils - standing ovation and applause from those gathered. Gareth requested anyone who had words of encouragement for Tim and Hils, and Andrew and Nicki to email them.

## **2. THE PRESENT - KEY WORD: FOCUS**

In times of uncertainty and change, focus is not on ourselves, our stuff, our skills, or on structures and circumstances but our eyes fixed on Jesus - eg: Peter walking on water to Jesus, sink when eyes not on Jesus. Important to acknowledge sense of loss that always comes with change, but embrace opportunity and not let the enemy get a foothold.

## **3. THE FUTURE - KEY WORD: AMBITIOUS**

Continue to push into being ambitious for the Kingdom, for things to come. Pray for Andrew as he comes to lead team, and be praying and discerning common vision. Mission of the church is still the same: being and making committed followers of Jesus who change communities and nations for Him - reaching the lost, discipling the found.

Write a list of hope - for leadership, parenting, generosity, Life Groups

3 big ones: **Grow in:** **Faith** - dependence on God  
**Prayer** - in everything



**Personal evangelism** - 95% of Cheltenham are heading for an eternity without Jesus and life without Him now - the message of Jesus has been entrusted to us.

After prayer in small groups, Tim closed the APCM in prayer.