

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
David Baker
Beatrice Ball
Luke Barnes
Howard Bartlett
Jennifer Bartlett
Carolyn Bedford
Bruce Bennetts
Sue Bennetts
Kate Bird
Harry Blagden
Carol Blagden
Kirsty Booth
Becky Brannigan
Kieran Brannigan
Caroline Breckon
Luke Briner
Simon Britton
Affie Brown
Helen Brunt
Paul Burgess
Stephen Cartwright
Stanimeros
Jill Cheesman
Emily Chesworth
Josh Chesworth
James Clapp

James Flanders
Mike Fuller
Ann Gate
Anna Giles
Hilary Grew
Madeleine Hall
Erica Hanson
Rita Harding-Williams
Athena Harper
Gareth Harper
Jenny Harris
Steve Harris
Alan Hatfield
Vicky Heath
Dan Hobbs
David Holtom
Elizabeth Horlick-Jones
Steve Hughes
Christine Hughes
Daniel James
Keith Jefferies
David Jenkins

Luci Jobson
Nigel Jobson
Tom Johnson
Mary Jones

John McLean
Susan McLean
James Mears
Laura Mears
David Moisey
Helen Moss
Neville Page-Jones
Lesley Phillips
Holly Pratley
Fay Price
Jane Price
Jane Pringle
Toni Rains
Peter Ray
Catherine Ray
Christine Robertson
Dave Rowe
Keith Selby
Marinel Short
Virginia Smith
Richard Smith
Madeleine

Harry Steven
Sandy Steven
Helen Stott
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
(19)

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	Proposed by Kate Bird and seconded by Andy Cook
Helen Stott	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:

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

The following were elected to be members of the PCC:

Luke Briner	Proposed by Neville Page-Jones and seconded by Libby Wall
Joanna Daykin	Proposed by Jonathan Sandys and seconded by Sarah Dorey
James de Courcy	Proposed by Garry McCrea and seconded by Steve Harris
Michelle Dearman	Proposed by Julia Thomson and seconded by Chris Hughes
Madeleine Stanimeros	Proposed by Andrew Whittaker and seconded by Mike Darbandi
Peter Strachan	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 26th 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.