

Minutes of the Annual Parish Church meeting on 24th April
2016 at 7.30pm, in the Trinity Centre

7.30pm Vestry Meeting

Item		Action by	Due
1	<p>Welcome and Prayer Mike Haddaway (MH) opened the meeting and welcomed all those present. Later in the meeting there will be an opportunity for people to ask questions at item 6 of the APCM. MH prayed for the meeting.</p>		
2	<p>Apologies for Absence were received from 12 people.</p>		
3	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 24th April 2015 were circulated, agreed and signed as accurate (proposed: Tim Creyke seconded: Martin Withington, passed with all in favour).</p>		
4	<p>Election of Parish Wardens (two to serve for one year) PC thanked his four wardens; Andy Digby and Judith Drury, Mike Haddaway and Michael Honychurch as District Wardens. He highlighted the many things that the wardens undertake during the year and they are a huge support to Phil and Peter in their roles. PC thanked Andy for service beyond the call of duty. He has served for five years. We are hugely grateful for all that AD has done climbing ladders, supporting Phil a dogged determination to continue to deliver tasks in many areas of church life. Has an amazing heart for people, projects and prayer and life of church. PC presented AD with a gift and a card. AD thanked PC for the gift and thanked the meeting for all their support as he has done his role as warden he couldn't have done it alone. He reflected on the role over the last five years and the importance of communication as part of it. Two nominations have been received for parish warden. Judith Drury will be the Parish Warden for Christ the King and Mike Haddaway will be the Parish Warden for Holy Trinity. Passed with all in favour. The vestry meeting concluded.</p>		

7.45pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1	<p>Apologies for absence were noted. There were 72? people present, and apologies were received from 12 people.</p>		
2	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on the 26th April 2015 Were circulated and agreed as accurate (proposed: Martin Withington seconded: Terry Cripps, passed with all in favour).</p>		
3	<p>Matters arising These were all covered under the main agenda items.</p>		
4	<p>Brief reflections on the life of our churches and ministry and mission across the parish PC introduced this section and reflected on the words of Ezekiel 37 and the bones coming alive and verses 1 and 2. This was used to reflect on where we are longing for life. God ask “<i>Can these bones live?</i>” He wants Ezekiel to see what God sees and to say that you alone can do this God. At the end of the passage God breathes life into the bones and we have been looking at where has God been breathing new life. Lots of people have been involved in looking at what might bring life – six things have emerged: Empowering mission, equipping people, making disciples, reaching generations, strengthening parish, building potential.</p> <p>Peter Hubbard spoke to empowering mission - where are the last the least and the lost and how might God calling us to be involved with them and have an outward looking mission not a church centred mission. At the end of his report, PH presented the unsung hero award for Christ the King to John Abbott.</p> <p>Gordon Lamb spoke on Making Disciples. It’s about individuals getting to know God and pray with each other and supporting each other in that journey. Learning how to share God’s love in our community living a whole life full of worship. At the Meet Place the leadership team look specifically for the lonely and this particularly happens at Bacon Buddies, Bacon Buddies Goes Deeper, Knit and Natter, Food Hub etc. Gordon presented the Unsung Hero Award for the Meet Place to Ian and Jane Horne.</p> <p>Judith Clarkson spoke on reaching new generations. Judith spoke on the passage from Matthew when the children are blessed by Jesus – he wanted them to come to Him. It can no longer be guaranteed that children will know anything of the gospel and the basics of the Christian story. We are blessed in Trinity Churches with the number of families and the children that come. But what of those families who aren’t interested? Judith thanked all the volunteers who help with the children’s work.</p> <p>Phil presented two unsung hero awards to Polly Haigh and Judith Haddaway.</p>		

5	<p>A report from the Electoral Roll Officer Isabel Willerton reported that 2016 electoral roll had 392 members with 346 from Holy Trinity and Christ the King 46.</p>		
6	<p>Annual Report including: (a) Churchwardens report (b) PCC Report from the Lay Chairman (c) DCC Reports from the Lay Chairs Holy Trinity and Christ the King (d) Deanery Synod Report (e) Report on the activities of Trinity Churches</p> <p>MH introduced and presented the Annual Report. Time was given for people to review the report and respond to two questions; one thing to be encouraged by and one question to find out more about? There was an opportunity for people to ask specific questions.</p> <p>A year or two back we discussed are we doing too much? Is this still true? PC reflected back that this is something the ministry leadership team have wrestled with too. On balance we are doing less but always difficult to get the balance. Need to ask is what we are doing fruitful?</p> <p>Car parking? MH spoke to this. He thanked church members for their forbearance on a Sunday morning and for people helping with car parking. Currently a working group looking into this. We are very conscious we are a church in a community and we need to be good news to that community. The hardstanding belongs to the council and is rented by the football club when they have a match on. MH encouraged all church members to walk on the path and not on the road.</p> <p>How can we build the kingdom within to go deeper as individuals and corporately in unity to nourish and encounter Jesus together? GL and PH both fed into this on their reflections on empowering mission and discipleship. To deeper as individuals and corporately. Home groups are a vital part of this process.</p> <p>MH asked the meeting to receive the annual report including the legal aspects:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Church warden report PCC report Deanery Synod report.</p> <p>All of the above reports were formally received by the meeting. Proposed Martin Withington, Seconder Jane Horne</p>		
7	<p>Finances Jill Withington (JW) Honorary Treasurer spoke on the church finances. JW thanked all those involved with the finances of the</p>		

	<p>church, including Brian Bates, the collection counting team – Martin, Alan and Mike - Sylvia Leake, Gift Aid Secretary and Gloria Davidson, Finance Officer. JW specifically thanked Mike Ashton for his role and what an important role he has played in the counting the collection. JW thanked Gloria Davidson for all she has done as Finance Officer following her retirement at the end of February.</p> <p>(a) Annual Accounts for 2015, for approval These were circulated and presented by JW. They were available at the back of church or via the website prior to the meeting. They are the legal accounts and comply with charity law. The accounts were independently examined a month ago but JW has been asked to make a couple of little changes prior to the sign off. These include listing the insurers and architects and to show what we do is to the benefit of the public.</p> <p>The full accounts show all the money that has been handled by the church. There is a brief summary in the Annual Review. In the last year there was a small surplus due to a £10K legacy which will be used as part of the 2020 vision. We've had some cost savings which were of a one-off nature. JW gave an opportunity for questions.</p> <p>JW asked for approval of the 2015 annual accounts. Proposed BB, seconded Pauline Mack, and passed with all in favour, no abstentions or objections.</p> <p>(b) Budget for 2016, for information The budget for 2016 was presented by JW and circulated for information and update. Anticipating a deficit of £12K for 2016. One of the reasons for this will be less grant income. The parish share has reduced which is good news. Aiming to balance the books at the end of the year.</p> <p>(c) Appointment of Independent Examiner, for approval JW proposed that the Independent examiner for 2016 is Jonathan Hill, Financial Director from the Lichfield Diocese. The proposal was agreed (proposed: JW, seconded: Mike Haddaway, passed with all in favour).</p> <p>PC and MH thanked JW for all their work on the finances.</p>		
8	<p>Election of District Churchwardens for Holy Trinity and Christ the King (one each to serve for one year) MH introduced the proposals for District warden</p> <p>Erica Staples was elected District Churchwarden for Holy Trinity</p> <p>PC thanked Mike for continuing in this role for another year.</p>		

	<p>Michael Honychurch was elected District Churchwarden for Christ the King</p> <p>PC asked the meeting to approve the nominations.</p>		
9	<p>Election of DCC members (to also serve on the PCC): 1 Holy Trinity (for three years), 1 Holy Trinity (for one year) 1 (Christ the King for one year), and 1 Christ the King (for 3 years)</p> <p>Steve Alston was elected to the HT DCC for three years. Jane Horne was elected to the HT DCC for three years. Julie Lloyd –Roberts was elected to the HT DCC for three years. Passed with all in favour.</p> <p>CTK DCC There is one vacant position on the CTK DCC as Deanery Synod representative.</p> <p>MH thanked all those willing to serve on the PCC and prayed for them.</p>		
10	<p>Looking Ahead PC reflected on his very first PCC with Trinity Churches where he was welcomed with the words “welcome to Shropshire the graveyard of ambition.” Shropshire is a great place to do family and life but it is not the end of ambition.</p> <p>Strengthening Parish – what does it mean to be parish together? This is true across the wider deanery area. We need to be strong internally to bless others.</p> <p>Building potential – how might we increase the size of the footprint. What are the barriers to us growing? The Meet Place needs more space, the evening service is growing out of the chancel the need for better visibility at the morning services.</p> <p>Equipping people – we need to take steps in our belonging? Its not about databases or rotas but seeing men and women belonging more deeply, being known as a compassionate community. We are looking for 10 new members for PCC in 2017, more people for rotas, signing up for prayer meetings, get involved and give our all. Sorry for the times when that culture hasn’t been prevalent. We can only do this with God, in God’s strength and by His grace. Is Shrewsbury the graveyard of ambition – no. Help us belong and be rooted in Christ.</p>		
11	<p>Any other business</p>		
12	<p>Closing Prayer</p>		

	The meeting closed with prayer at 8.30pm.		
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