

Minutes of the Annual Parish Church meeting on 30th April 2017 at 6.30pm, in the Trinity Centre

It is 150 years to the day since the foundation stone was laid for the current church building. We gathered around the foundation stone and prayerfully laid stones around it as an act of thanksgiving and recognition of the faithful who had gone before us, and raised this beautiful building for so many generations to use for the glory of God.

7.10pm Vestry Meeting

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| 1 | Welcome and Opening Prayer Mike Haddaway (MH) opened the meeting and welcomed all those present. | | |
| 2 | Apologies for Absence were received from 17 people. | | |
| 3 | Minutes of the meeting held on 24th April 2016 were circulated, agreed and signed as accurate (proposed: Martin Withington seconded: Olwen Abbott, passed with all in favour). | | |
| 4 | Election of Parish Wardens (two to serve for one year) PC thanked his four wardens: Mike Haddaway and Judith Drury as parish wardens, Erica Staples and Michael Honychurch as District Wardens. 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. | | |

7.45pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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| 1 | Apologies for absence were noted. There were 76 people present, and apologies were received from 17 people. | | |
| 2 | Minutes of the meeting held on the 24th April 2016 Were circulated and agreed as accurate (proposed: Steve Jones seconded: Tim Creyke, passed with all in favour). | | |
| 3 | Matters arising These were all covered under the main agenda items. | | |

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| 4 | <p>Brief reflections on the life of our churches and ministry and mission across the parish</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charlotte Gompertz, Curate, has been here for 10 months. She expressed what a privilege it is to be in a church with such a great deal of diversity in its activities. She is encouraged by how God’s word is put into action. She also specified the amazing quality of the children’s work here and exhorted us to treasure those who minister to the children. Her prayer is for unity as a family, growing and sharing life together. Abigail Liew, intern: Has been here since mid-February after travelling around and sampling many different ways of doing church. She works across the parish, taking part in a wide variety of ministries. She particularly enjoys the youth and children’s ministries. We celebrated our ‘unsung heroes’ this year by placing names on a tree. | | |
| 5 | <p>A report from the Acting Electoral Roll Officer William Small reported that 2017 electoral roll had 390 members with 343 from Holy Trinity and 47 from Christ the King</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>Are many people coming to faith in Jesus in this place? PC: not enough – we would love to see more people come to faith. People are taking steps of faith – the number of people coming forward for baptism and confirmation is encouraging. Please pray in this area.</p> <p>MH added that the MRDC supports the Street Pastors, also that we are the body of Christ; some visible, some less so; some at the start, some further on in our Christian journey but always changing and all have a season. The report represents the variety of lives and seasons.</p> <p>MH asked the meeting to receive the annual report including the legal aspects:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Church warden report</p> | | |

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| | <p>PCC report Deanery Synod report.</p> <p>All of the above reports were formally received by the meeting. Proposer: Francis Best, Seconder: Rachel Woods, all in favour.</p> | | |
| 7 | <p>Finances</p> <p>Jill Withington (JW) Honorary Treasurer spoke on the church finances. JW thanked all those involved with the finances of the church, including Brian Bates; the collection counting team, Martin, Alan and Stuart; Caroline Munro, Gift Aid Secretary; Jenny Jones, Finance Officer; William Small, Operations Manager.</p> <p>(a) Annual Accounts for 2016, for approval</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The full accounts show all the money that has been handled by the church, including the Pat Wedge trust fund. There is a brief summary in the Annual Review.</p> <p>Income is higher than expenditure because of a legacy and some one-off cost savings. Our parish share however is increasing, and some money has been set aside for the Living Stones appeal.</p> <p>There were no questions.</p> <p>JW asked for approval of the 2016 annual accounts. Proposed: Gareth Evans, seconded: Judith Haddaway, and passed with all in favour, no abstentions or objections.</p> <p>(b) Budget for 2017, for information</p> <p>JW expressed thanks to all for such generous giving. Our reserves are sufficient to sustain the deficit budget proposed. The budget for 2017 was presented by JW and circulated for information and update.</p> <p>(c) Appointment of Independent Examiner, for approval</p> <p>JW proposed that the Independent examiner for 2017 is Jonathan Hill, Financial Director from the Lichfield Diocese. The proposal was seconded by Mike Haddaway and passed with all in favour).</p> <p>PC and MH thanked JW for all her work on the finances and presented a gift to her.</p> | | |
| 8 | <p>Election of District Churchwardens for Holy Trinity and Christ the King (one each to serve for one year)</p> <p>PC introduced the proposals for District warden</p> <p>Erica Staples was elected District Churchwarden for Holy Trinity.</p> | | |

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| | <p>District Churchwarden for Christ the King – post vacant</p> <p>PC asked the meeting to approve the nominations. All in favour.</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>Jill Withington was elected to the HT DCC for three years. Brian Bates was elected to the CTK DCC for three years. Passed with all in favour.</p> <p>Deanery Synod Reps: Rachel Woods, Derek Willis, Olwen Abbott, Andrew Prichard, Polly Haigh and Stephen Jones were appointed Deanery Synod reps for three years, leaving one vacancy.</p> <p>PC thanked all those willing to serve on the PCC and prayed for them.</p> | | |
| 10 | <p>Looking Ahead Living Stones appeal – 4 projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • refurbishment of Café Connect, to enable better ministry • Projection system in Church (improving visibility and simplicity) • Enlarge the Meet Place to enable better ministry • Supporting the Fletcher family in Bangkok, where a fire has ravaged their neighbourhood. <p>How we can respond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for these projects • Serve – in the Café, Meet Place, Sunday worship • Give (£100,000 needed, £40,000 already raised) <p>We are a chosen people, chosen by God. We are a Royal priesthood, and Peter said it is not about education or training, each one of us is part of the royal priesthood. We are all to serve as priests. We have some big staff changes coming up and the future is not certain as the PCC wrestles with the big decisions. We need patience and prayer as we try to get this right. Thanks are due to all those who are going the extra mile to bridge gaps while we work through this process together.</p> <p>We are a people who belong to God. We live in a consumer culture where people 'shop around' churches, but we as committed members, belong.</p> <p>MH expressed thanks to Phil, and the whole Cansdale family for all they give to the life of Trinity Churches.</p> | | |

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| 11 | Any other business None | | |
| 12 | Closing Prayer The meeting closed with prayer at 8.15pm | | |

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