

Minutes of Trinity Church AGM

Sunday 15th April 2018 at 11.30am

Present: 47 members, 8 adherents, 12 apologies

Chair: Andrew Rixon

Minute secretary: Jill Duncan

Opening prayer was led by Jon Salmon

Slides and documents relating to today's meeting have been emailed to all church members, if you did not receive them please ensure church has your email address.

1. Minutes of last church meeting 21st January 2018

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

1.2. Actions from minutes

See action table at the end of the minutes

1.3. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda

5. Data protection and safeguarding - Jon Salmon: We are working hard to be compliant before the changes in the law next month

2. Elections and Appointments – Catherine Jackson

Thank you very much to everyone who contributes in any way to the work of Trinity.

Nomination for Church Steward: Dianne Berry, nominated by Andrew Rixon seconded by Chris Edgar.

In favour – unanimous, Against – none, Abstentions – none. Elected

Positions still to be filled – 3 church stewards, Communications and events team leader, Minutes secretary,

Human Resources team leader, 2 Deanery Synod representatives, Christian Aid representative (Ian Brickell will perform the role for current year, but ideally we are looking for a new rep to shadow him to assist with any handover), Communion stewards.

Is the meeting willing to agree to Nigel Holloway continuing as Independent Examiner of Trinity accounts for another year?

In favour – unanimous (47), Against – none, Abstentions – none. Elected

The meeting will enter the Church of England Parishioners and Parochial session

To ensure Trinity's existing officers are recognised by the Church of England. Everyone who is on the Trinity electoral role or who is resident in the parish is entitled to vote.

Chris Edgar as Church Warden for one year to April 2019

In favour – unanimous (47), Against – none, Abstentions – none. Elected

Bethan Jones as Church Warden for one year to April 2019

In favour – unanimous (47) , Against – none, Abstentions – none. Elected

Is the meeting happy to vote for the Church Council as a group? ie. Sandy Catchick, Richard Cocks, Tarie Dikinya, Chris Edgar, Veronica Elleson, Jenny Evans, John Goddard, Bethan Jones, Andrew Rixon, Lisa Waite. Agreed

In favour – unanimous (47), Against – none, Abstentions – none. Elected

The meeting will reconvene in the Church Meeting session

3. Annual Report – Jon Salmon

Copy of the draft annual report was emailed to members and is on Sharepoint, and here:

[Draft Annual Report 2017.pdf](#)

A number of people have contributed to the report, detail can still be changed.

Is Church Meeting willing to accept this draft Annual Report as a valid statement of our activities?

Agree – majority (44), Against – none, Abstentions – 3. Agreed

4. Finance Update – Sandy Catchick

Presentation slides and documents were emailed to members and are on Sharepoint

Sandy reminded the meeting that God does not need our money, wants us to give generously of our first fruits. Whether this is time, our talents or whatever, God wants a heart response. She thanked everyone who does any of the many things that are done for our church. God does want us to raise finances to continue His work, but our motives are what is important and what we give is between us and God; no-one should feel guilty about what they give.

4.1 Gift Month – see slides: [20180415 AGM Gift Month to 10 April 2018.pdf](#)

There are 146 households on our books, 93 of those gave regularly to Trinity, 35 households gave to gift month.

Gifts including associated gift aid where available, once claimed will newly give us £6,922.50 in one-off gifts, £727.50 per month in new or increased standing orders ie. £11,512.50 in total additional income to 31st August 2018.

4.2 Finance Update – see slides and documents:

[20180415 AGM Finance Update.pdf](#)

[20180514 Accounts to 31.3.18 excl Mar interest.pdf](#)

7 months to 31st March 2018

Main income £83,349.91 compared to 2017 £61,523.12. 2018 figure includes money for our youth worker.

Total other income £16,229.27

Total income £99,579.18 Total expense £85,904.36 Balance £13,674.82 + deposit account interest £12.96.

Last year's minus has been turned into a plus this year which is wonderful, thank you very much everyone.

4.3 Detailed accounts

Please see Sandy if you have any questions about these

Jon Salmon – Thank you to Sandy, Andrew and everyone who has been involved in sorting these finances and to everyone who has given to Trinity in every way.

5. Vision Statement – Jon Salmon

Presentation slides were emailed to members and are on Sharepoint, and here:

[Vision refresh for Church Meeting April 2018.pdf](#)

God has His hand on us in every detail. Refreshing our vision began last autumn and there have been meetings of various groups as well as our Lent sessions.

Suggested vision statement – “Living life to the full: showing and sharing Jesus”

Does it work for us now as a church, this is not changing course. Living life to the full will resonate with the secular world, it is a Biblical, action statement.

Values – Christ-centred, Community- focused, Compassionate, Courageous.

The previous ones were very wordy, these are concise but will have a short statement with them to explain a little bit.

What we do – Love God with all our hearts. Love each other graciously as ourselves. Go and make disciples. Live life to the full as Jesus intends.

Previously we called these areas our purpose.

Priority activities – These were our vision to action areas, the new wording is more concise. They reflect who we are as a community. The vision to action team will transform into the activity team and create a strategic plan for each area.

Comments – Ros -Living life to the full by showing and sharing Jesus. Nigel – that changes the meaning completely, the first statement is not a consequence of the second.

Nigel – Love each other as ourselves, why? Jon – directly from the Bible, love your neighbour as yourself.

Jenny – Should be ‘Graciously love each other as ourselves’

Cathy – don’t get into complicated long sentences again, it needs to be easily understood

Jo – Appreciate what people are saying, but when we read the Bible it is not completely clear what God is saying.

Veronica – Like it, very clear and it is for everybody

Sarah – Don’t get bogged down in church language, make it clear what we are trying to achieve. All will understand Living life to the full, may not understand showing/sharing Jesus

All comments will be taken as input and statements may get altered slightly, knowing this –

Does Church Meeting support the adoption of this vision and associated statements?

In favour – with 1 abstention unanimous (46), Against – none.

5.1 Development of small groups

Presentation slides were emailed to members and are on Sharepoint (see Vision slide deck link above)

Thoughts on using small groups as a tool for the pastoral care, worship, nurturing and maturity of our church, appreciating that not everyone will want to be in a group.

There was a strong commitment from the Lent course participants and existing small groups to develop small groups as core to the life of Trinity. Should Trinity pursue this with a greater level of commitment than previously?

Does Church Meeting support this agenda moving forward?

In favour – unanimous (47), Against – none, Abstentions – none

6. AOB

6.1 Church Fair – Sandy Catchick

This was discussed at the March Church Council meeting as neither Sandy nor Jill Duncan will not be able to organise this year's fair.

To be held on the same day as Open Saturday as in 2017, the fair will be on 1st December 2018.

The fair raises around £1,000 for the church, brings a lot of non-church people in and encourages the cohesion of a lot of people working together.

If you would be able to organise the fair please see Sandy or Jill

Chris Evans closed the meeting in prayer at 12.30pm

Action Table

Action No.	What	Who	By when	Update
20160717-04	Willing to speak to anyone with further ideas to improve church meetings	Jon Salmon	Ongoing	20180415 Ongoing
20180121-01	Ensure gift aid and standing order information and forms are on the website	John Medcraft and Alex Robinson		Gift Aid form and note asking people to contact the church for Standing Order form are on the website Closed