

Minutes of Trinity AGM
Sunday 23rd April 2017 at 11.30am

Present: 44 members, 1 non-members, 15 apologies

Chair: Andrew Rixon

Minute secretary: Chris Edgar

Opening prayer was led by Jon Salmon

1. Minutes of last church meeting

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

1.1. Actions from minutes

See actions table

1.2 Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda

David Ramsden stated that the previous minutes noted that we need to up normal giving. Andrew Rixon advised that this was a broader point of discussion.

David Ramsden enquired about the article in the April magazine which stated that the Church meeting had committed to support the youth worker. Jon Salmon advised that this had been ratified at the previous church meeting.

2. Elections and Appointments – Catherine Jackson

Catherine thanked everyone who holds a position in Trinity whether formal or informal, your contribution is greatly appreciated. A special mention was made for Dave Mbawa for his work as the church treasurer.

Church Treasurer – Sandy Catchick has been nominated.

Vote: For 40 Against 0 Abstention 1 Elected

Deanery Synod Rep. – John Goddard has been nominated.

Vote: For 41 Against 0 Abstention 0 Elected

Church Trustee – Andrew Rixon advised that Richard Cocks had confirmed that he was willing to become a trustee and requested that this be ratified by a vote at the church meeting.

Vote: For 41 Against 0 Abstention 0 Approved

All other vacant positions will be re-advertised.

Catherine Jackson advised that there are currently 129 members on the voters roll.

Jon Salmon extended his thanks to Dave Mbawa for his tenure as church treasurer and thanked Sandy Catchick for taking on the roll. Jon Salmon also extended his thanks to Bethan Jones and Chris Edgar for their continued support as head steward and church secretary.

3. Finance – Dave Mbawa

Dave Mbawa opened by thanking everyone for their support during his tenure as church treasurer.

The income to the end of February 2017 (6 months)

Envelopes - £4004

Standing Orders - £29000

Cash Giving - £7116

Dave Mbawa provided an update on actuals versus budget for the period and projected figures for the remainder of the financial year. This included an analysis of the giving for the half year. He advised that we would need to ensure that we meet the target of £70000 for the end of the financial year.

Account balance at 6 months:

Bank balance - £10,109

Reserves - £33,788

David Mbawa advised that Trinity had implemented online banking to facilitate most of the payments and thanked Andrew Rixon for his assistance in getting this set up.

John Medcraft advised that the projected cash giving figures are in excess of the gift aid benefit maximum of £8000 and that we are losing on returns. This needs to be addressed and members requested to consider changing the way they give.

Alex Robinson enquired about the checks and balances with the online banking as in the past, cheques had required two signatures. Andrew Rixon advised that the online banking system has a good audit trail and an audit mechanism has been introduced. Only two church members had access to this facility – Andrew Rixon and Dave Mbawa. Dave Mbawa confirmed that the online banking system had been introduced to facilitate the payment of staff as in the past this had taken a number of days to process and clear these payments.

Nigel Holoway enquired whether standing order giving had been analysed. Dave Mbawa advised that this needs to be worked on and that he will take this forward with Sandy Catchick as the new treasurer.

4. Ministry and Mission of the Church / Trinity's 30th Anniversary – Jon Salmon

Jon Salmon requested the attendees split into small groups to discuss and pray for ministry and mission of Trinity – what was the church all about? Are we moving toward a revision of our mission and future?

A set of questions were tabled:

- What do you understand to be the ministry and mission of the church in the UK and at Trinity?
- What are your own areas of ministry and mission – personally and for Trinity?
- Trinity's building is 30 in November? Have we got ideas to mark this – a community event?

The groups were given 5 minutes to discuss and Post Its were put up on the board for review and prayer.

30th Anniversary – Jon Salmon proposed that the church come up with ideas around a community facing activity. This was discussed in small groups for ideas. It was proposed that November may not be the best time for such an activity and that something could possibly be planned for this summer.

Post Its were gathered from the groups with ideas for the anniversary celebration. Jon Salmon requested that anybody with additional ideas please forward them to him.

5. AOB

5.1 Ascension Day – Jon Salmon

Jon Salmon stated that whilst significant it falls mid-week and has had very poor attendance and is proposing that the church consider moving this to a Sunday. Jon Salmon has spoken with the people that attended the Ascension Day service and there was general acceptance for the proposal. Jon Salmon asked for any views or feedback on this proposal.

Helen Rixon raised the point of “where two or more are gathered in His name”

Jon Salmon enquired as to whether this is something the small groups should consider.

Cecilia Hoddell stated that their small group had stopped meeting and enquired about the future of small groups.

Megan Cann advised that holding the service on a Sunday would be good for the young members of the congregation to learn about the celebration.

Bethan Jones advised that if Ascension Day continued mid-week, a steward would need to be found as she was no longer able to full fill this duty.

Jill Ramsden stated that consideration should be given to holding the Ascension Day service on the Sunday preceding rather than after.

Jon Salmon closed the meeting in prayer at 12.45

Actions Table

Action No.	What	Who	By when	Update
20160717-03	To discuss the best way to encourage cash giving in line with Gift Aid rules	John Medcraft and Dave Mbawa	Next Church Meeting	Ongoing
20160717-04	Willing to speak to anyone with further ideas to improve church meetings	Jon Salmon	Ongoing	No feedback at all. Ideas are welcome from anyone
20161017-05	Messy Church- note that Ann is still recovering and Messy Church may be delayed	Jon Salmon	Ongoing	Messy Christingle was very popular. Messy Easter is being planned. There is a wedding booked into the church in May so will start Messy Church in June if a team of volunteers is in place.
20170523-01	Analysis of Standing Orders	Dave & Sandy		