

PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH DOWNEND

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING – 8th MAY 2022

MEETING OF PARISHONERS

PP welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened the meeting with prayer.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May 2021 were approved and signed.

PAULINE PEARCE PROPOSED

NORMAL LOW SECONDED

ALL IN FAVOUR

Matters Arising -

PP expressed his thanks to **Bryan Ashton and Maggie Nicholls** who are both willing to continue in their roles as Church Warden. **PP** reminded us that **MN** had worked tirelessly behind the scenes during the Pandemic, managing the church building as well as working in the office. **MN** had recently retired from her role working in the office.

PP proposed the continuation of **BA & MN** as Church Wardens.

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MN & BA wished to express their thanks for all the support that had been shown to them during the past year.

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MN PROPOSED

NORMAN LOW SECONDED

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No Matters arising

PP expressed his thanks to Jamie Paddon as Treasurer and John Tooby who had done a fantastic job of producing the Annual Report. **PP** acknowledged that we had been through uncertain times as a worshipping community with the ongoing Pandemic and the retirement of JV but God's faithfulness had shone through at all times. So many individuals and groups had served faithfully throughout the year and **PP** thanked everyone for their time and energy given to supporting Christ Church's ministry throughout 2021. **PP** commented that it had been a privilege to lead during these uncertain times.

Some members of CC shared their thoughts about the last year.

Anne thanked God for One Church One Day.

Liz thanked Jan Bacon for organising the Lent Lunch.

Harriet was also thanked for organising Messy Church over Easter.

Laura Green thanked those involved with the Children's work.

Pauline Pearce thanked God for seeing children return to CC.

Phil Plummer thanked God for all the support of love and prayers shown to him from everyone at CC when he was Confirmed on Easter Saturday at Bristol Cathedral. Phil also wished to express his thanks for Home Groups.

Anita Dobson felt thankful for the youth at CC planting trees which was filmed and shown on an episode of Songs of Praise.

Nigel Stowe expressed his thanks to Paul Peterson for his continued strong and faithful leadership.

Sally Green conveyed her thanks that worship had returned to Quakers Road Church Centre as well as her gratitude to Anne Louise and Mark Critchlow who had become a strong part of the community.

Kunnagh Scott wished to thank CC for such a warm welcome.

PP PROPOSED that we adopt the Annual Report.

ALL IN FAVOUR

Financial Report

JP gave a summary of the financial situation at CCD, drawing out significant aspects from the Accounts. His summary appears in the Annual Report document.

JP reported that yet again, we have been blessed by the generosity of our congregation and the hard work and dedication of the team of people involved in the collection and banking of income, raising money through grants, facilitating the hire of our buildings, administering gift aid and legacies, maintaining accounts, setting budgets and financial strategy, and providing sound governance and scrutiny of our activities. Special thanks go to our former bookkeeper, Sally Coates, who finished with us earlier this year, and to Gabrielle Foster who has taken her place, the office team, our Planned Giving Secretary, Dave Tooby, and other members of the Giving 4 Life Team (Dave Green, Debra Turpin, Adam Parfitt and Rev Paul Peterson).

Income and expenditure 2021

Income

Planned giving donations £167,204

Legacies £5,000

Additional donations £23,430

Gift Aid received £40,258

Grants £10,966

Lettings & other income £26,872

Other £1,159

Plate collections £6,963

Total £281,852

Expenditure

Church running costs £57,518

Parish Share £90,000

Staffing costs £61,291

Local & Overseas mission £42,048

Children's ministry £10,305

Discipleship & pastoral care £11,523

Gathered church £7,793

Total **£280,478**

Surplus of £1,374 carried forward in respective restricted and unrestricted funds

Building4Life debt of £250k had been reduced to £211k during the year.

JP reported that letting income of the church buildings was returning to pre-Pandemic levels and we were in a good position. The PCC has agreed that additional tech equipment would be purchased for the church to enhance streaming of services.

MN advised that the work on the North and South Towers would be costing in excess of £15k.

JP advised that the B4L debt will be reduced to £168k this financial year.

MN enquired as to whether the funding for Children's Ministry pledged at a gift day in 2020 would still be required?

PP explained that Harriet Jolly had begun her new role of 8 hours per week, but that there was an aspiration to grow the role over time which would lead to a further funding appeal. This could be part supported by grants.

Laura Green asked whether the Youth received funding.

JP reported that the Youth Ministry at CC was self funding.

Diane Paddon advised that when donating monies using your CO-OP card please state **IGNITE YOUTH**. £300 had been received in April from the CO-OP.

PP advised that £96,000 had been pledged this year as our donation to Parish Share.

JP PROPOSED the adoption of the accounts

DEBRA TURPIN SECONDED

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Election of lay members to the PCC for the coming year

PP advised that Eloise Phillips and Laura Powell will not be continuing as members of the PCC. The following were standing for election: Julian Cox, Sally Green, Rosie Brydon, Andy Pound, Adam Parfitt and Richard Bacon.

These people had all been duly nominated and seconded – ALL IN FAVOUR

Caroline Plummer will be continuing in her role as PCC Clerk.

PP advised that Laura Powell would continue her role until October 2022 as Safeguarding Officer. A new volunteer to take on this role is needed.

Confirmation of Deanery Synod Members for the coming year

Roger Cholmondeley and Richard Ward.

Appointment of Deputy Wardens for the Church Centre for the coming year

Sally Green and Mary Massey

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Appointment of Electoral Roll Officer

MN reported the following –

5 additions to the Electoral Roll, 4 passed away, 2 moved away

2022 total number on roll 247

Appointment of Health and Safety Officer

PP advised that this role was currently held by the Church Wardens.

Appointment of independent examiner/auditor to the Council for the coming year

Burton Sweet

JP PROPOSED

DAVE GREEN SECONDED

ALL IN FAVOUR

PP closed the meeting in prayer and invited everyone to stay and join in with the Bring and Share lunch.

Minute approved on 21st May 2023

signed



