

Minutes of St Aldhelm's DCC meeting

17th January 2018

PRESENT: Ian Chesters, Carol Rowe, Juliet Wynne, Edward Huxley, Rachel Huxley, Mark Jones, Rachel Ireland, Malcolm Jones (observer)

1. WELCOME AND PRAYER

The meeting opened in prayer and some reflection on the following verses.
Revelation 5:9-10, 12-13, Ephesians 6:10-18

2. APPOINT CHAIR FOR THE MEETING

Ian was proposed and seconded as chair of the meeting.

3. APOLOGIES

Wendy Clarke, George Turner, Ruth Fuller, Rachel Wakeford, Alan Baker

4. PREVIOUS MINUTES

These were agreed as a true record.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Card for Vicki – Rachel W to organise.

Legacy money – notice and sheet to be given out this week.

Basement lights completed.

Hope 2018 – we have now been sent information and registration forms, Juliet has the information. It is Tuesday – Friday the week after Easter.

Malcolm (election as churchwarden permitting) has volunteered to coordinate Sunday morning practicalities.

Christmas services. Lots of positive comments from members and visitors at the services. Carol service was well-attended and went well. Crib service was fun but hard work due to low numbers. It would be nice to be able to do Cider and Carols again.

6. SAFEGUARDING, HEALTH AND SAFETY

There have been no safeguarding concerns raised with Vicki (adults or children).

Could everyone please check the folder in the vestry to see if they are due anymore training.

Outstanding signatures from hirers using the church on a regular basis.

George has agreed to obtain these signatures. Could these please be obtained by the end of February 2018 as we have been waiting quite a few months for completion of form.

Policy for long-term hirers is being put in place and, from memory, includes a commitment to, where they require it, have a safeguarding policy in place. Hence when this is in place it will also capture this commitment.

7. FINANCE

No report in George's absence.

8. LEGACY MONEY

The form requesting input from the congregation is to go out this weekend to get initial views on priorities for investing this money. Edward will do a notice in church to explain (Sunday 21st Jan), and DCC members to be around after the service to talk to people. Mark will do a notice the following week (28th Jan).

9. VACANCY

Love St Aldhelm's event on Saturday 27th Jan, 10am-12noon. Including a time of worship led by Nick Hay, then a time to share hopes for and strengths of our church.

No particular progress on the vacancy as far as we are aware. After the Love St Aldhelm's event we will think about how we want to form a core team / group that considers who we are and what we hope for in the future.

Nick Hay has suggested that we consider forming a leadership team to help develop the church. On discussing this tonight, we considered that having both the DCC (elected) and the Vision group (which has an open invitation to anyone) work well, and introducing another group might be counter-productive. However, Ian was keen to have some support for everyday decisions in the form of a standing committee. As Malcolm is soon to be elected as a second churchwarden (hopefully), it was agreed to leave this to the churchwardens for the next month and then to review at the next meeting.

Sue has mentioned that we might be able to have support from Holy Trinity Hotwells during the vacancy and during Sue's sabbatical. It was agreed unanimously that we would request this support. Edward agreed to make contact with Sue and then with Hotwells.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

The website is up and running and looking good. To keep it fresh we do need to generate content – in terms of advertising, thoughts and reflections and such like – please do let Edward know / send him text that could be included. The more the merrier!

Old websites will be removed when they can be – Edward to make contact with Nick Tarleton, and is in conversation with St Francis about removing the staldhelsmandstfrancis one.

New sign on external noticeboard looks good, though some posters need refreshing. If anyone wants a poster made to add on about church events then please let Edward know.

Church directory is up in church showing areas that people get involved with

/ lead on.

It was agreed that a separate directory of members of the church should also be collated, including names and addresses (ensuring that there is an option for people to not be contacted etc in accordance with data protection law). Malcolm has started a noticesheet, which has been well-received. Thank you! Some things to add could be a list of things that happen at church weekly?

11. FABRIC

Nothing to report at present, the group are meeting soon and minutes will be circulated.

12. VISION GROUP UPDATE

Minutes are to be circulated shortly.

13. MONICA WILLS HOUSE

Vision group have discussed this and are progressing it: potential for us to link up with the community there through the lay chaplain.

14. RUSSIAN MALE VOICE CHOIR

Agreed that this is not a core focus for us at the moment.

15. ARTS TRAIL

This year the Southbank Arts Trail is on 12-13th May 2018. We have had one request for an artist so far and have blocked out the main body of the church for the weekend.

Agreed to organise children's craft 3-4pm, followed by Beer and Hymns from 4-5pm. Edward / Mike C to host / compere?

Café with food and drink through the weekend as well. All to be announced at church in a few weeks' time so that we can get a team together to run it.

16. LENT GROUPS

Booklets for homegroups to cost £65, and booklets for the Haggadah meal (on Maundy Thursday, 29th March) to cost £195. It was agreed that this would be paid for from the spiritual growth budget / allocated spending, though people would also be asked for contributions / given a suggestion of contributing £3 or similar.

For the Haggadah meal, this is expected to be a bring and share meal with suggestions for what to bring. Malcolm will coordinate / make sure that this takes place.

17. DIARY DATES

Ash Wednesday service 7pm on 14th February
Mothering Sunday 11th March – Sunday school leading

Barn Dance 17th March
Palm Sunday service 25th March
Maundy Thursday 29th March
Good Friday 30th March – 12-2pm Stations of the Cross, followed by
reflective service from 2-3pm.

Next vision group – Monday 12th March 8pm

Next DCC meeting: to be arranged by email, for February. To be held at
Edward and Rachel's house.

Action: please everyone email Ian about which days of the week are best so
that we can arrange this (either general days, or availability for 12-22nd Feb
inclusive).

The meeting concluded with prayer.