

ALL SAINTS METHODIST CHURCH
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING
HELD ON 22nd April 2021
Via ZOOM

Present:

Rev.Ian Griffiths	(Chair)	Sue Russell (Secretary)
Dcn.Selina Nisbett	Helen Appleyard	David Perrow
Ruth Coward	Tim Coward	Jan Greenough
Chris Greenough	Derek Pooley	Jennifer Pooley
Valerie Grist	Alan Grist	Sue Butler
Paul Williams	Marion Williams	Joanne Phipps
Mike Brown	Margaret Ellwood	Eileen Appleyard
Mr Appleyard	Judith PB	Alistair Batey
Maurice Tubb	Sylvia Wilson	

1. Welcome and Devotions

Rev. Ian Griffiths welcomed those present on Zoom to All Saint's Annual Church Meeting which opened at 7.30pm. Selina led the opening prayers. There followed prayers in memory of Les Oliver, Murial Dickson, Geoff Symons, Nicola Price, Brian Mansfield, Rosemary Perrow and Robert Guthrie

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from;

Pauline Marshall	Cliff Marshall	Martin Appleyard	Rosemary Stanbury
Trudy Hall	Jenny Caddy	Chris Caddy	Larissa Richards
Richard Matthews			

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous annual general meeting on 24th September 2020 were agreed and will signed at the next face to face Church Council meeting

4. Conversations on the work of God -Annual Report for 2020/2021

Annual report- Ian commented that, due to COVID, he thought that the report would be a shortened one but was pleased to find it very full. A brief history of the Fellowship was given by Paul but it was noted that there were now options of Men's Group or Just Women and that working women's commitments were not the same as when the group began so now the group met mainly for retired, elderly people. Ian reflected on its work and gave thanks to God for the commitment of all those who had led and participated in the group

Financial Report. – Richard had submitted the latest figures from the finance group. Pre School income had been maintained and the balance was a healthy £16418. The predictions had been for a modest budget and income had assumed to be lower and expenditure more but the reverse was apparent. There had also been unexpected on off donations.

Derek queried the amount of money from a tax refund

ACTION – Margaret to investigate figures and report back.

5. Election of Stewards to serve 2020-2019 and Re-Election of Representatives to the Church Council

Ian gave thanks for the faithful stewardship of Rosemary Perrow who had also been steward supporting Peter Bennet.

The elected team of church stewards for the coming year would now be

David Perrow Tim Coward Helen Appleyard Martin Appleyard

The small steward group cannot function fully so will conduct some face to face requests for more stewards when Covid regulations allow.

The meeting was asked to give Ian, Church Council and the stewards authority to appoint new stewards within the coming year.

This proposal as AGREED

The current chairs of the various committees and action groups were confirmed as representatives to the church council. In addition the following were elected as representatives of the ACM to the Church Council.

Alistair Batey Derek Pooley Jenny Pooley
Joanne Phipps Margaret Ellwood Paul Williams

The composition of the Church Council is for the next year therefore.

Minister (Chair)	Rev Ian Griffiths	
Secretary	Sue Russell	
Acting Treasurer	Richard Matthews	
Stewards	David Perrow Martin Appleyard	Helen Appleyard Tim Coward
Pastoral Committee Secretary	Sue Butler	
ACM Representatives and other office holders	Selina Nisbet Helen Appleyard Margaret Hoskins Trudy Hall Judith Penrose Brown Richard Matthews David Perrow	Mission Action Safeguarding Communion Steward Junior Church CFC & Youth Forum Finance Committee Property Action
Church Meeting Appointments (Up to 15)	Alistair Batey Joanne Phipps Margaret Ellwood	Jenny Pooley Derek Pooley Paul Williams

Sue Butler

6. Other Items

To comply with COVID regulations the stewards have prepared the church to reopen from Sunday 25th with 30 attendees through a booking system. It was hoped to open fully again in September. Alistair was thanked for his recordings of recent funerals that had been posted on the All Saints YouTube channel. The stewards were thanked for managing all recent changes to maintain covid compliance.

Ian's sabbatical will be for 3 months, to include some holidays from May 1st until 9th August. He will focus on a study of Mental Ill Health and Theology, locating resources available with a view to a research project. He feels that mental health issues have grown and feels himself clearly called to be part in a more informed way. Another strand will be to produce an Art booklet to accompany his Nativity large fabric art that was on display during *CribFest*. Ian has other pieces and would like to create resources for to include in quiet contemplation, mission and for use by other churches. He wants to look at resourcing and devising effective, sustainable patterns of what ministry might look like and who would be involved in this.

He will spend some time at a Devon retreat in Sheldon and see family.

ACTION:

- **Sue Russell** to send cards to those members who needed support: Mike Pearl for enthusiastic preparation of online material for Junior Church, Sue & David Harmsworth, Margaret & Michael Caton, Brenda Jillard, Pat Brightwell, Margaret Long as belated birthdays.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Date Sunday in May 2022

8. Blessing

The meeting closed with a reflection on the lines from the hymn,

'Praise Him for all that is past and trust Him for all that's to come'

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Sue Russell

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