



ALL SAINTS METHODIST CHURCH

**General Church Meeting
Sunday 8 June 2025
Church Hall**

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Devotions
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of previous meeting (*attached*)
4. Conversation on the ministry and witness of the church
5. Financial Affairs
6. Appointment of church stewards
7. Election of representatives to Church Council
8. A.O.B.
9. Closing Prayer

If you are unable to join the meeting but would like to make a comment please contact one of the Stewards.

ALL SAINTS METHODIST CHURCH
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING
HELD ON 28th April 2024

Present:

Rev.Ian Griffiths (Chair)	Sue Russell (Secretary)
Maurice Tubb	Chris Caddy
Jenny Caddy	Pauline Sykes
Larissa Richards	Judith PB
Valerie Grist	Mike Brown
Jenny Pooley	Hanli de la porte
Sue Butler	Kate Jones
Richard Matthews	Dawn Tyrrell
Beryl Manners	Paul Williams
Ruth Coward	Diane Livesley
Laurel Symons	Marion Orchard
Tina Hearn	Sylvia Wilson
Michael Quigley	Menna Hull
Alistair Batey	William Hartley
Caroline Hartley	Nytasha Kapswara
Becky Batey	Alistair Batey

1. Welcome and Devotions

Rev. Ian Griffiths welcomed those present to All Saint's Annual Church Meeting and congratulated Ruth Coward on her certificate commemorating 60 years of preaching. Opening prayers were followed by prayers in memory of those listed in In Memoriam and acknowledging the recent death of Myrtle Hodgkins, which included Phil Enoch, Betty Oliver and Brenda Jillard.

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from;

Dcn.Selina Nisbett	Margaret Hoskins	Joanne Phipps
Martin Appleyard	Mike Appleyard	Eileen Appleyard

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous annual general meeting on 26th March 2023 were agreed and signed.

4. Reports

Ian commended the AGM reports to the meeting emphasising the wide variety of undertakings by the church. Dawn, as steward, added the fact that a person was needed to have an overview of the property group and report back. They would not be responsible for acting just to let the stewards know when there was an issue so as to be aware if there were future long term plans. Richard, as acting finance chair, made three comments

- To thank everyone for their generous giving and to remind people that financial commitments rise each year with price rises. The hall was going to be redecorated after 15years in July at a cost of around £4000.

- To thank the booking secretary who had found new clients to rent space but reminded the meeting that there was a lot of paperwork involved
- To thank people for their coffee donations weekly as these were always given to MHA charity, £174 having been sent recently.

Ian commented that many ordinary jobs were done and not celebrated and made a blanket thanks to everyone

5. Election of Stewards to serve 2023-2024 and Re-Election of Representatives to the Church Council

Ian thanked the stewards for their work over the past year

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

Sue Butler Dawn Tyrrell Margaret Ellwood Helen Appleyard

Dawn acknowledged the invaluable work and support of the worship stewards, who opened the church, set out items ready for the service, welcomed people in the foyer and then cleared away and locked up.

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

Alistair Batey

Derek Pooley

Jenny Pooley

Joanne Phipps

Paul Williams

Gareth Hawkes

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	Margaret Ellwood	Dawn Tyrrell
	Sue Butler	Helen Appleyard
ACM Representatives	Selina Nisbet	Mission Action
and other office holders	Helen Appleyard	Safeguarding
	Margaret Hoskins	Communion Steward
	Sue Butler	Junior Church
	Judith Penrose Brown	CFC & Youth Forum
	Richard Matthews	Finance Committee
	VACANT	Property Action
Church Meeting Appointments	Alistair Batey	Jenny Pooley
(Up to 15)	Joanne Phipps	Derek Pooley
	Gareth Hawkes	Paul Williams

All Saints Reps to Circuit meeting:

CLT:- Anne Matthews

Sue Butler Paul Williams

6. AOB

- **Anne** told the meeting that the work on St Amand property in preparation to meet the needs of the new minister Georgina was extensive and would probably take

until mid October/November. This would mean that Georgina would have to stay in Wickham and travel, which is not an ideal way to start a new job. Planning applications had been made and three indicative quotes had been sought. One builder would finally work through a full quote. Improvements were unlikely to start while Tabitha and Ian were still at the property.

Georgina's welcome service was planned for 31st August at All Saints at 3pm
Ian's farewell service would be on 21st July at Trinity

There would be a farewell coffee morning on 13th July.

Ian said that due to the travelling it would be difficult to put dates into diaries for evening commitments but anyone planning a meeting should also inform Eluned so she can populate the diary and probably plan a ZOOM meeting. She would also need a photo album so she can put faces to people with named roles.

- **Paul** apologised for the lack of a Mission Action group report and felt that mission should both drive and inspire the church but there had been no meeting as the Chair had other pressing priorities. He suggested leaflets to inform the owners of new housing about All Saints.
- **Derek** had had conversations with a member of the Nepalese Christian community who would like to use the church premises for worship. Ian suggested that important ongoing conversations should be dealt with by the incoming presbyter but one-off meetings could be considered.
- **Diane** commented that the introduction of the lent coffee morning lent themselves to mission. She agreed that proper consultation with the new minister should happen prior to agreement to share our building but that it was flattering that other groups want to be in the building. She also said that information about uniformed organisations could be included on any leaflets.
- **Jenny** said that with all the new developments in north Abingdon it was hard to tell that our building was a church and that leafletting homes would be a way forward.
- **Gareth** suggested information about All Saints needed to be on the web and church blog as that was the popular way to research facts.
- **Dawn** commented that the stewards had discussed leaflets and concluded that a multimedia approach would be best and possibly a joint venture with Trinity. This had been taken to Church Council and agreement had been given.
- **Maurice** suggested knocking on doors to hand out leaflets and introduce ourselves.
- **Anne** suggested that a committee be formed to discuss and move this idea forward.
- **Pauline** commented that mission was often unobtrusive and that All Saints were not doing nothing!

7. Date of Next Meeting: Would be agreed by Georgina.

8. Blessing

The meeting closed with a sung prayer before lunch.

Sue Russell, 29th March 2024