

ST MATTHEW'S HARWELL

Minutes of a meeting of Harwell PCC held on Tuesday 22nd January at
7.45pm in St Matthew's Church Hall

2002

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Present:	Rev C Stott (Chairman)	W Sinclair
	E Gill	R Slatter
	C House	F Taylor
	T Hughes	M Thomas
	T Linnard	R Thomas
	A Macarthur	J Twigger
	C Silver	T Ullmer
	J Sinclair	A Walker

1. The Rector opened our meeting by telling us something of the 10 key issues from the Developing Leadership Course that he is attending. Open prayer followed this.
2. **Apologies for absence** were received from S Tunstall.
3. **The Minutes of the last Meeting** on November 13th were signed as a correct record.
4. **Matters Arising:**

Altar Frontal - there was nothing to report.

Church Hall Garden Plans - Alison Gale made a presentation to the meeting and is to present a working plan. Alison agreed to liaise with Liz Roberts, who is the Hall caretaker, to ensure that working parties are not present when the hall is in use. The plan was agreed in principle.

Proposed: A Macarthur Seconded: T Hughes and Carried.

Armchairs - Jim Sinclair advised that the suppliers of the present chairs would be sending swatches of material for us to match up with the present covers. The cost will be approximately £539.00. PCC agreed that **Chris Stott, Tony Hughes and the Churchwardens** would proceed with the ordering when the faculty has been obtained.

5. **Financial Report:**

The accounts for 2001 were presented showing that giving through the envelope scheme is up and that Tax reclaims have increased. Provision has been made to replace the photocopier and repair the bells. There was a small surplus overall. The proposed budget for 2002 was presented and accepted.

Proposed: C Silver Seconded: J Twigger and agreed.

6. **Buildings Committee Report:** Agreed building work was completed in December last year by Thomas and Jarvis. It was agreed that Thomas and Jarvis would carry out any further work as needed, subject to estimates being thought reasonable.

The heating and water is still giving some concern in St Matthew's Hall.

PCC agreed that another working day should be held during the year. Date to be arranged.

The work on the heaters in church should be carried out on 31st January.

The flagpole on the tower is to be replaced.

The re-ordering of the West End of church is still under consideration.

One new ^{CO₂} ~~electric~~ fire extinguisher has been placed by the organ.

7. **Diocesan Convention July 11th-13th** - Ruth Slatter reminded PCC of the dates for this event. She asked that members would encourage anyone they know who are present leaders and potential leaders to attend.

8. **Review of Christmas Services and Christingles** - Generally these services all went well. The Christmas day service had some very positive feed back.

9. **Presentation of Children/Youth Work Conference at Swanwick** - Martin Speed presented this report and had obviously found the conference very helpful when considering General Children's Work. Points raised were:

are our children part of a "one-anothering" church?

are the children welcome?

in their faith development do we give them security and value?

is our church a church of today or tomorrow - a church for all ages?

our worship should be worship that children are happy to attend, with integration for all ages.

consider careful planning

what do they think about the songs, prayers and confession?

children need to be encouraged to interact and contribute to the services.

in relationships, give young people a voice in the running of the church

10. **Review of Common Worship** - The Rector tabled a paper of recommendations for the re-use of Common Worship after a one-year trial.

- i) **Eucharistic Services** - It is recommended that we use the option of three Eucharistic Prayers for the main services in future according to seasons.
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| Christmas | Option E |
| Easter to Pentecost | Option D |
| Ordinary time | Option B |
- Other options can be made use of for Occasional and Special services and mid-week services.

- ii) **Morning and Evening Prayer on Sundays** - Some corrections would be made to the present text, including all congregational parts in bold - and we would aim to use a larger font - space permitting.

- iii) **Come and Worship** - to continue to use the present format, but when we next come to reprint, we would move to A4 portrait format in line with the other service leaflets.

We do not see the time is right to print on card yet, since we are not sure that we have got it totally right. Paper versions are easier and less expensive.

This tabled paper will be discussed at the March meeting.

11. **Vision and Priorities Report**

The Rector gave a further presentation of the work done, since last PCC, by the vision group, facilitated by Tim Roberts. The team continued to look at the implications for the next five years. Projects included looking at management structures, financial resources in line with the vision, specific programme for children and youth, outreach programme, active prayer life and worship framework of vision and communication. They had also drawn up a list of ideal attributes for the leaders of these projects and had been thinking of names of suitable people who are being approached. The next steps were to start planning how to implement the objectives in detail. **PCC** felt the time was right to bring these proposals and recommendations to the church as a whole as communication is very important. It was suggested that letters might go out to those on the Electoral Roll and/or through home-groups. This was referred back to the Vision Group for decision and action at their next meeting on February 6th.

12. **Any Other Business**

- (i) A letter of thanks was received from Joan Impey for the tokens she received for helping at various services.
- (ii) Visitation Day is May 13th - Churchwardens of Abingdon and Wallingford Deanery will be invited to St Matthew's by the Archdeacon. The Social Committee was asked if they could provide refreshments. **Action W. Sinclair.** The AGM will be on April 23rd - we need to be thinking about a replacement for Wendy Sinclair. Deanery Synod members also come up for election.
- (iii) Baptism Bowl etc - this is now in use and we are grateful to Terry Doughty for donating these beautifully crafted items.
- (iv) The Rector read a letter of thanks from Joy Hance for the donation towards books for her course.
- (v) It was agreed that PCC meetings would in future meet in the Church Extension to allow the Scouts to use the Church Hall.

13. The meeting closed with **prayer** at 10.28pm

Date of next meeting March 12th 2002

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