

ST MATTHEW'S HARWELL

Minutes of a meeting of Harwell PCC held on Tuesday 12th March ²⁰⁰² at
7.45pm in the Church Extension

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

1. The Rector opened the meeting with a reading from Acts 17 followed by prayer.
2. There were no **Apologies for absence**.
3. **The Minutes of the last Meeting** on ~~March 12th~~ ^{Tam 22nd} were signed as a correct record.
4. **Matters Arising:**

Altar Frontal - an amendment has been made to the design and faculty forms are awaited.

Church Hall Garden Plans - Nothing to report

Armchairs - faculty forms are awaited.

Visitation Day - the date for Churchwardens of Abingdon and Wallingford Deanery will now take place in St Matthew's Church, Harwell on May 8th.

Yew Tree - sadly the Yew tree supplied during the Millennium for the Churchyard has died and a replacement is being sought.

5. **Financial Report:**
The audited accounts for 2001 were presented and approved. Thanks were expressed for the hard work from Elizabeth Gill and Alison Manning. Alison Manning has agreed to be our Independent Examiner for 2002.
6. **Buildings Committee Report:**
A meeting is to be arranged for the Buildings Committee after Easter. There are minor items to be dealt with in the Church Hall. **Tony Hughes** is to address the APCM on April 23rd on the Disability Act.
7. **Preparation for APCM (April 23rd)**
 - a) Draft Annual Report - this was circulated and, after minor amendments, was approved. Proposed by Jean Twigger and Seconded by Alan Walker and carried. Copies of this report to be available for church members from Sunday 21st April.
 - b) Churchwardens Fabric Report - this was circulated and approved. Proposed Frances Taylor and Seconded by Tony Hughes. The logbooks for the Church and the Church Hall have been brought up to date, and are now computerised.

- c) Deanery Synod Report - this report to be given by **Clive Silver**
- d) Group Reports - Ladies Group, Orchestra/Music and Alpha.
- e) Liz Roberts wishes to stand down as Electoral Roll Officer at the May meeting.

8. **Review of Common Worship** - There was discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of having several different orders of service rather than keeping to just one. A number of points were made about specific features of the various forms, and whether people found them helpful or not. It was agreed that it was difficult to come to firm conclusions without further experience and with the benefit of the printed orders of service with the Eucharistic Prayers in full. The general view was that people were happy to take a lead from the clergy and readers. It was agreed that Orders B, E, and D should be produced with the Eucharistic Prayers in full. These services should be used for a further year and then reviewed. Discussion followed re the format, and in a straw vote A5 format was preferred where this is found to be practicable by the secretary laying it out. **Marilyn Thomas** volunteered to organise a practice session for lesson readers.

9. **Vision and Priorities Report** - Communication

A presentation will be given at the APCM based on the "I have a dream" paper which is currently being used for Sermons during the Lent period. It was felt that it was important to make the presentation as simple and accessible as possible to gain wide acceptance. Some people have already been approached to help to lead in certain key areas in the dream.

10. **Any Other Business**

- a) A notice is to be placed in the broadsheet/news sheet re dogs fouling the churchyard.
- b) Scramblers - Maureen Baker wishes to stand down at Easter after serving for 8 years. Thanks were recorded for the work she has done so faithfully.
- c) Daytime Alpha - it is hoped that this course will begin after Easter
- d) Golden Jubilee Songs of Praise - Sunday 2nd June at 6pm - 4 sub-committees have been set up to organise this.
- e) Church Hall Caretaker - Liz Roberts wishes to give up this position in September
- f) Village Hall - PCC were asked to consider whether St Matthew's Hall could be used to hold a fund-raiser for curtains and furniture needed for the village hall. The 1st June was not considered to be a good time to hold this fund-raiser due to the Jubilee Celebrations planned for the Church. Questions were raised as to why this should not be held in the Village Hall.
- g) Joy Hance - will be ordained in September and will continue as Rector's secretary until July 19th. She awaits confirmation of her placement as NSM Curate.
- h) Jean Barton - has been selected and will be ordained at the end of June. The Bishop has agreed that she can work in a non-stipendiary position here in Harwell. PCC agreed.
- i) Clergy Stipends and Pensions - the Standing and Finance Committees met to discuss this issue. A Questionnaire has been responded to and the final decision rests with the General Synod.
- j) Fun Day - Tracey Linnard reported that the Mad March morning, held in Chilton for Sunday School children from both parishes, was great fun and enjoyed by all.

10. The meeting closed with **prayer** at 10.09pm

Date of APCM April 23rd 2002 in St Matthew's Hall.

Date of next PCC meeting May 7th 2002 in the Church Extension.

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