

ST MATTHEW'S HARWELL

Minutes of a meeting of Harwell PCC held on Tuesday, May 8th 2001 at 7.45pm in St Matthew's Church Hall.

Present:	Rev C Stott (Chairman)	F Taylor
	E Gill	R Thomas
	T Hughes	A MacArthur
	T Ullmer	A Walker
	N Ponting	R Slatter
	C Silver	J Sinclair
	W Sinclair	C House

1. The Rector opened the meeting with a reading from Acts 2, followed by prayer.
2. **Apologies:** were received from Mary Carney, Jean Twigger, Marilyn Thomas, and Steve Tunstall.
3. **The Minutes of the last meeting** were approved subject to item 5 Missionary Giving - delete "the Missionary giving" to read "Tony Ullmer reported that we do already help by our contributions through other ways."

4. Matters arising from Minutes:

4(a) Review of AGM - it was felt that the attendance was rather low compared to previous years. PCC agreed that Tracy Linnard should be co-opted to PCC as representative for the young families and Youth. Proposed Jim Sinclair, Seconded Allan MacArthur.

4(b) Altar frontal - there was nothing to report.

4(c) Font - still waiting for final approval.

4(d) Sharing Life - A paper of group reports was tabled from the combined PCC and others at Chilton on Tuesday 1st May 2001. There was support for the idea that the church office should go on-line. PCC agreed that this should be so and advice will be sought from Steve Tunstall on this matter.

5. Election of Officers

Church wardens Deputies - Tony Ullmer, Ruth Slatter

Vice Chairman - Jim Sinclair

Treasurer - Elizabeth Gill

Secretary - Ruth Slatter

Tax Reclaimer - Geoff Jenkinson

Stewardship Secretary - Norman Ponting agreed to continue until a replacement can be found.

Electoral Roll Officer - Liz Roberts until 2002.
Joint PCC - Churchwardens, Treasurer, Rob Thomas,
Clive Silver.

Proposed: Alan Walker Seconded: Wendy Sinclair

6. **Appointment of Committees**

Standing Committee - Rector, Churchwardens, Treasurer and
Secretary

Finance & Budget Committee - Clive House (Chairman),
Elizabeth Gill, Alan Walker,
Tony Ullmer.

Co-opted for Budget Committee - Allan MacArthur and
Norman Ponting

Missions Committee - Tony Ullmer, Clive Silver,
Aileen Newbold, Kate Ullmer, Betty Pyke,
Grace Mein

Buildings Committee - Tony Hughes, Rob Thomas,
Allan MacArthur, David Pyke,
Tony Twigger, Frances Taylor *LS*

Co-opted - Douglas Jordan and Jim Sinclair. *Norman Ponting*

Social Committee - Wendy Sinclair (Chairperson),
Frances Taylor, Jean Twigger, Clive House.

Lucy Perry, Tracy Linnard and Steve Tunstall are to be invited to
join this committee:

Proposed: Tony Ullmer Seconded: Clive Silver

7. **Appointment of Representatives to Organisations**

Christian Aid - Chris Stott wishes to stand down.

Village Hall Management - Liz Roberts

Winterbrook Youth Club - Tony Hughes

Churches Together in Didcot - vacant

Proposed: Rob Thomas Seconded: Clive House

8. **Financial Report -**

The four signatories appointed were Chris Stott, Elizabeth Gill,
Wendy Sinclair and Allan MacArthur. Any two of the four
signatories to sign.

The Treasurer reported that a donation of £600 had been made for the new Altar Frontal.

A discussion followed regarding our financial position when the Assistant Curate leaves her post. Should we be meeting the expenses of our Lay preachers as they may have to take on more responsibility in our parish?

9. **Building Committee Report**

Tony Hughes reported that David Cox had retired from work through ill health. He said that David had always done a good job and that it will be hard to find a replacement for him. Another builder had been out to quote for some necessary work and another quote was to be sought.

A Working Day has been planned for **Friday 17th and Saturday 18th August**. **Douglas Jordan** has agreed to co-ordinate this working day. The PCC thought that August was perhaps not a good month for getting folk together as most families are away during August. **Tony Hughes** is to ask if it is possible to change this date.

Disability Audit - a paper had been circulated to PCC members prior to the meeting outlining what jobs had been done, things in progress and things still to be done. Tony Hughes is to present proposals to the congregation at the morning and evening services on May 20th.

Architects Visit - plans have been drawn up for the kitchen/toilet area by the architect Philip Waddy.

10. **Review of Holy Week and Easter**

The Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services were well attended and appreciated.

11. **Alpha Course Update and Future Plans** - This course has been very encouraging and a future Alpha Course is being planned. An Alpha Course is being arranged specifically for the Youth and will start in June. This will be led by Steve & Helen Tunstall and Malcolm Birkinshaw.

12. **Mary Carney's Appointment**

It was announced on April 29th that Mary Carney has been appointed Rector of the Ray Valley Benefice, north of Oxford. Her last Sunday in

Chilton and Harwell will be on July 29th and her institution on September 13th at Ambrosden.

The Church Council wishes to put on record its heartfelt thanks for all that Mary has done during the 8 years that she has been in post as Assistant Curate. She has contributed much in an innovative, creative way; her relevant preaching, her pastoral care and communication skills have been much appreciated.

She will be greatly missed, and we wish her well in her new and challenging post. The Council recognises that Mary will not be replaced as a stipendiary priest.

conclusion // Farewell presentations are being planned and **Tony Hughes** is to liaise with Mary Carney about the Harwell presentation.

A meeting has been arranged for **Churchwardens** and **Non-Stipendiary Ministers** to meet with the Rector on June 11th to discuss the future of the two parishes.

13 **Any other business**

- i) Use of St Matthew's Hall - a discussion followed after some of our Church families had expressed a wish to use the hall for young children's parties. After debating this issue it was decided to continue discussions after talks with the managers of the Village Hall.
- ii) The Rector expressed his thanks to Ruth Gilson for all that she had done during her time of worshipping and serving on the PCC at St Matthew's Church. She has indicated her decision to worship at the Community Church in Didcot.
- iii) A letter had been received from Sue Cutting resigning as Captain of Girls' Brigade and Leader of Youth Fellowship. The Rector showed some concern for Girls' Brigade as they were now without a Captain and no one is willing to take on this post.
- iv) Remarriage in Church - this issue is to be discussed at our next meeting in July.

14. The meeting closed with prayer at 10.05pm.

The Date for the next meeting is July 10th.

Signed

Date