

West Swindon and the Lydiards Church Partnership

Minutes of AGM 28th April 2013

Holy Trinity Shaw 10:00am

(Approved version, after PC 20 May 2013)

Attendance: 108 adults +18 children

No roll taken, but most adults are presumed to be members

Apologies, not individually listed: 2

Welcome - Rev Dick Gray welcomed those assembled. He pointed out fire exits and directions to toilets, including more accessible facilities.

Our purpose. Covenanted together for mission - We exist in order to BE the People of God and EXTEND the Kingdom of God throughout West Swindon and The Lydiards

Revs Tudor and Tricia Roberts hosted a quiz on the partnership – its geography and history, and listed the values of the partnership. Sweets may have been given as prizes.

The younger children left to messy activities

What has the Partnership done?

The Partnership has been active in many areas: introducing new Christians through courses, Confirmation, Baptism and Marriage preparation, our Lent course and other teaching opportunities. We share administration.

Janet Gray talked about Messy Church, a valuable and growing work but in serious need of further helpers. As this was one of the Partnership goals, and helps to fulfil our Missions statement to Bring the Kingdom of God to the people of West Swindon and the Lydiards, it is a whole Partnership responsibility to promote and support it.

Claire Camm talked about emerge organisation and our Youth work

The aims of the emerge youth project are for young people to:

- Discover & Develop talents
- Grow in self-esteem
- Make new friends
- Develop life skills
- Explore spirituality
- Mature as caring and responsible individuals within the community

Older young people left for their discussion group

Rev Clive Deverell asked folk to put their hands up if they had been involved with these joint activities. Clive then spoke about his Church Army colleague, that he'd seen recently, who is now a chaplain at the Chelsea Hospital, Many years ago she had been at Westlea and the partnership had been instrumental in her call into ministry. We should give thanks for seeds sown in the past, we may never know what fruit is borne through our actions.

Finances:

Sue Green introduced highlights of the consolidated finance report

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total 2012 | Total 2011 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------|------------|
| Voluntary Income | £176,534 | £62,850 | £239,384 | £214,493 |
| Other Income | £29,187 | £2,734 | £31,920 | £60,171 |
| TOTAL INCOME | £205,721 | £65,584 | £271,304 | £274,664 |
| TOTAL OUTGO | £200,778 | £95,507 | £295,329 | £244,506 |
| NET (after transfers between funds) | £2,442 | £-27,424 | £-24,982 | £30,158 |
| Funds b/wd | £86,721 | £64,608 | £151,329 | £121,172 |
| Funds c/wd | £89,163 | £37,184 | £126,347 | £151,330 |

Sue explained the main differences between 2012 & 2011 was St Mary's building work that came out of restricted funds. She showed the proportions of income that comes via each of the local churches, via grants for youthwork, the office, and fees for occasional offices.

Sue also summarised the proportions of outgoings towards the Anglican quota, our Baptist minister, manse, staff expenses etc. In 2012, because we knew the individual churches were unlikely to meet the amount we had budgeted for we gave £12,000 less towards the diocese quota. We hope to make up some of this shortfall in 2013.

The full report is available online <http://wswinlyd.org.uk/council/report>

There were no questions and the accounts were adopted with no objection.

We publicly appreciated our inspector, Steve Fraser of Monahan's and re-appointed him for 2013

Sue being willing to stand, we re-elected Sue Green as our treasurer.

Report:

Chris Scarisbrick introduced the 2012 Annual Report using the numbers 105 and 4238 and the letter G

- 105 being the number of CRB-checked workers across the partnership.
- 4238 being the number of volunteer hours of effort used at Emerge activities – about 2 and a half full time people
- G referring to a call for foundation governors at Oliver Tomkins Schools

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There were no questions and the report was approved with no objection.

Policies:

Chris Scarisbrick read out the partnership policies. Changes to the wording were not in order. There were no questions. The following wordings were all agreed and re-adopted with no objections.

- Child Protection - Safe to grow

Children and young people belong to our church today. They have much to give as well as receive. We need to listen to them. As we nurture them in worship, learning and in community life, we will pay appropriate respect to the wishes and feelings of children and young people.

- **Vulnerable adults**
The protection of vulnerable adults is the responsibility of every church member. We seek to involve such people in all aspects of the church's life, and therefore all members will be involved with them in various aspects of the activities we undertake together. We are committed to providing any additional training and support which are needed by those who are particularly involved in supporting the vulnerable
- **Accessibility**
We believe that all people are equally loved and accepted by God. We believe that all people should have an equal opportunity to experience the love of God, to grow spiritually, and to participate in worship and share fully in the life of the Church.
- **Health & Safety**
We will provide adequate control of the health and safety risks arising from our activities.
- **Information security**
The church is essentially a relationship-based organisation. We will collect personal information only as necessary. We will store such information securely. We will use such information only for the purposes for which it was given. Everyone has the right to see all information we hold that pertains to them. We will correct information when asked. Subject to regulatory constraints we will delete information when asked to do so, or when it is no longer necessary.

What is God asking of us?

Dick said it is better to do things together. Sometimes harder than doing them separately, but usually better.

Our mission is not to make new members, although that might be a by-product, it is to show people the love of God, as demonstrated by Jesus Christ, and to enable them to become followers of Jesus.

We sometimes need to set aside personal preferences and parochialism to become more effective disciples.

Hopes for 2013-4

Chris Scarisbrick introduced the goals that our Partnership Council proposes to work on as its primary areas of focus in 2013/4

- Reach out to Children and Young people through our local churches and together via Messy Church, Schools work and Emerge
- Develop ways to help lay members to contribute to the mission of the churches and Partnership.
- Engage an external convenor, consult and decide the shape of our partnership, and how it will be managed and work in future. Implement the recommendations.

There were no questions at the time, and the proposals were approved with no objections.

A member afterwards questioned the wisdom of committing to implement as yet unknown recommendations. It was suggested that if we don't, Partnership Council should give a good reason to next year's AGM.

Those who have served

We thanked those who have served in the last year, asking the meeting to consider and appreciate

- Ministers, staff & volunteers
- Partnership Council representatives

- Church committees
- Those who work with children and Young people
- The unsung heroes of our churches

Those who will serve

Rev Dick Gray introduced the lists of officers of the 5 churches and noted them all. A table is attached.

The nominations of Partnership Council Reps:

Jill Winson, Gill Ganley, Pete Gilder, Julie Scarisbrick, Chris Scarisbrick, Pat Watson, Jacqueline Kirwan, Mike Watson, Tish Vass, Steve Kershaw, Sue Green, Janet Clark, Mark Dowling, Gerry Hambridge, Nicola Hoar

were noted and accepted.

The nominations of churchwardens:

David Burch, Jill Winson, Pat Watson, Jacqueline Kirwan

were noted and accepted.

We re-elected Chris and Julie Scarisbrick as Child Protection Officers

We noted the list of readers of banns

David Burch, Jill Winson, Pat Watson, Jacqueline Kirwan, Ron Brock, Tish Vass

and endorsed the nominations

We noted the list of those to assist at Anglican Communion

Andrew Bateman, Beverley Belcher, Simon Belcher, Howard Benn, Pam Bennett, Andrew Bourne, David Burch, John Halstead, Ginnie Heads, Nigel Margetts, Ed Poole, Mary Poole, Betty Thompson, Dick Gray, Mike Dilly, Pete Gilder, Pam Ray, Sarah Wilmott, Andy Vernon, Chris Scarisbrick, Julie Scarisbrick, Pat Watson, Jacqueline Kirwan, Paul Gardner, Hilary Gardener, Ron Brock, Sharon Hall, Ann Fisher, Tish Vass, Claire Camm, Sue Green, Steve Kershaw, Mark Taylor, Ian Bryon, David Hoar, Gordon Partridge, Jan Partridge, Mark Dowling, Rachel Dowling

and endorsed the nominations.

We noted our Deanery Synod rep, Mary Poole does not need to be re-elected, but happily reappointed her anyway. We noted that Ed Poole also sits on Deanery Synod.

Date of next AGM is to be arranged

Table of appointments

| Post | All Saints Lydiard Millicent | Westlea | St Mary's Lydiard Tregoze | Holy Trinity Shaw | Toothill |
|---------------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|
| Chair | Julian Wright | Andy Vernon | /Paul Gardner / Pat Watson | Steve Kershaw | Mark Dowling |
| Secretary | Nicky Iddon | Sarah Wilmott | Tish Vass | | Nicola Hoar |
| Treasurer | Tina Wheeler | Julie Scarisbrick | Hilary Pearson | Sue Green | Gordon Partridge |
| Churchwardens | David Burch Jill Winson | n/a | Pat Watson Jacqueline Kirwan | | |
| Ministry Team Leadership | Andrew Bourne Howard Benn David Burch Ginnie Heads Nicky Iddon Sue Jones Tanya Stobbs Tina Wheeler Jill Winson Julian Wright | Mike Dilly Dick Gray Pam Ray Chris Scarisbrick Julie Scarisbrick Andy Vernon Sarah Wilmott | Lyn Morgan Paula Roach Mike Watson Doreen Henderson Adrian Matthews Sarah Pritchard Paul Gardner Vanessa Parfitt Ann Fisher | Steve Kershaw Sue Green Janet Clark Ian Bryon Moira Webster | Jan Partridge Mark Dowling David Hoar Gordon Partridge Rachel Dowling Nicola Hoar Gerry Hambridge Hazel Stacey Sarah Battershell Tony Fairfoull Debbie Fairfoull |
| PC Reps | Jill Winson Gill Ganley | Pete Gilder Julie Scarisbrick Chris Scarisbrick | Pat Watson Jacqueline Kirwan Mike Watson Tish Vass | Steve Kershaw Sue Green Janet Clark | Mark Dowling Gerry Hambridge Nicola Hoar |
| Children's Advocates | Mary Poole Julian Wright | Katherine Gilder Edward Glennie | To be arranged | Sue Green Steve Kershaw | David Hoar |
| Safe to Grow Coordinator | Tanya Stobbs | Andy Vernon | Wendy Deverell | Rebecca Kershaw | Jan Partridge |

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| Deanery Synod Rep | Mary Poole | | | | |
| Communion Servers for Anglican communions | Andrew Bateman Beverley Belcher Simon Belcher Howard Benn Pam Bennett Andrew Bourne David Burch John Halstead Ginnie Heads Nigel Margetts Ed Poole Mary Poole Betty Thompson | Dick Gray Mike Dilly Pete Gilder Pam Ray Sarah Wilmott Andy Vernon Chris Scarisbrick Julie Scarisbrick | Pat Watson Jacqueline Kirwan Paul Gardener Hilary Gardener Ron Brock Sharon Hall Ann Fisher Tish Vass Claire Camm | Sue Green Steve Kershaw Mark Taylor Ian Bryon | David Hoar Gordon Partridge Jan Partridge Mark Dowling Rachel Dowling |
| Permission to read Banns of Marriage | Churchwardens | N/A | Jacqueline Kirwan Ron Brock Tish Vass | | N/A |

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| Representatives for Baptist Church | | Mike Dilly | | Janet Clarke | |
| Representatives for Methodist church | | | | | Gordon Partridge |
| Representatives for United Reformed Church | | | | | |
| Representatives for Swindon Churches Together | | | | | |
| Church Website | Andrew Bourne | Pete Gilder | Ian Whitworth | Sue Green | David Hoar |
| Worship Coordinator | | Sarah Wilmott | Clive Deverell | Mark Taylor | |