

**West Swindon and Lydiard Tregoze
Partnership Council meeting
Tuesday 2 Sept 2014 at 7:00pm (prayer) 7:30 pm (agenda)
At Toothill Church.**

1. Prayer (at 7:00)
2. Welcome (at 7:30)
3. Attendance

Present:

Janet Clarke	Pete Gilder	Mary Poole
Rev Trevor Day	Sue Green	Julie Scarisbrick
Rev Clive Deverell	David Hoar	Chris Scarisbrick
Rev Mike Dilly	Jacqueline Kirwan	Tish Vass
Mark Dowling	Rev Jan Partridge	Pat Watson

Apologies from: Brenda Hicks, Steve Kershaw

Declaration of AOB

- Pete Gilder – 24 hours of prayer
- Chris – Christmas cards

4. Opening Worship

Janet went to Mexico over the summer, and shared some thoughts about the preparation Eph 6:14 et. Seq. “Be ready...”, and Jer 6:16 “Stand at the crossroads and look...”. Janet then shared some thoughts prompted by a trip on the Mexico City underground “...one with the crowd...I shall make for heaven in the underground”

5. 2 minutes of good news per church

Toothill had a Baptism that went very well. The garden work day - hedge looks especially good. Children's day had 150 (lunch provided!) and was enjoyed. Coffee morning and Lunch Bunch also attracts visitors.

HTS please to have an emerge home-produced youth leader to help in church at God.com

ST Marys. Huge wedding load, but they're very welcome. Flower festival was also enjoyable.

Westlea, 30 years old next Sunday. 3YP going off to Uni. 3 new families have stayed, joined as members, are on the rota and taking part.

6. Approve Minutes from PC 30 June 2014

Chris apologised for not circulating the draft previously. He's had a complex July and August and many action items have been delayed.

Amendments:

- Item 12 Oliver Tomkins Junior School was Ofsted inspected. "The report looks somewhat different to verbal remarks given on the day. It seems there was little recognition of the work we've already done, and..."
- Item 13 Toothill are now participating in Ride and Stride

Matters arising, Apart from a few outstanding actions in hand, all others on our agenda

Accepted as amended according to Chris's notes. Chris will circulate (and post online) a new approved version.

7. Receive notes from Exec 21 July 2014

Accepted – some action items on Chris still to complete

Receive notes from Exec 28 August 2014

Accepted – ditto Chris's action items.

8. Reports from Deanery Synod

Nothing new over the summer. Extra deanery synod 10 Sept at Christchurch community centre. Clive and Sue should be there. We suspect to talk about money.

We need a standing Agenda Item for Upper Thames Methodist feedback.

There has been a recent initiative and document discussing lay people – we were a bit missed out. Clive has a copy, Chris will circulate it. We should comment.

Also standing agenda for Bap feedback...Also URC feedback...

We need to find some formal way of communicating with our denominational parents (as well as SCTSB). Chris will email the reports we do for SCTSB (and DLT) to relevant clerical and lay leaders at local parent bodies. Please let Chris know relevant names and email. Some websites are not quite up to date.

9. Finances

- Draft budget for 2015

Accepted as plausible, as verbally amended. Sue will do a later draft for wider circulation

10. Home Communion arrangements

David Hoar will do home communions. Its our authorisation (as URC Elders). URC will recognise him at synod in October. He should choose, purchase (and expense) a home communion set (cruet, apparently!).

11. Worship Leaders exploration (Mark, Clive)

Only 2 essential qualifications: an interest in worship, and the support of their local church.

Church leadership teams will get the stuff (and the decision)

Proposed to start same day as P service. Sun 30th Nov, then monthly on the last Sunday of every month from January. Mark and Rachel will lead most, Mike will lead the communion session. We will ask Trevor if he'd lead a wider music in worship session.

Some were dubious about the overloading of 5th Sundays. Clive phrased this as "Partnership Sunday". Weekday evenings could be considered but would suffer similar limitations. Its clear no single slot is convenient for all. Perhaps we could avoid the overloading of the Nov weekend by starting in January. Email your thoughts. And Exec will come up with a further plan.

Subsequently there will be further opportunities for anyone who may feel called. Many of them may well be (single) denominational as the rest of the world is not ecumenical

12. Bereavement Course

Starts Sept 23rd (5 sessions). Jacqueline Kirwan is coordinating names.

Thanks to Jan for leading this.

13. Clive's Sunday rota commitment

Clive will be at HTS first Sunday in month, St Marys twice a month and elsewhere once a quarter (ish) Trevor will also visit across the Partnership but will spend most of his time at St Marys

14. 5th Sundays in 2015

Exec propose:

- 29 Mar St Marys Palm Sunday with Jim Currin, CTE mission officer
- 31 May Westlea
- 30 Aug Toothill
- 29 Nov HTS

15. Safeguarding

- Training opportunities – Chris will email the Diocese dates.
DBS checks,
- Follow up on CCPAS authorised identity checker
We need another person trained to do the CCPAS/Anglican route. Rebecca said she would, but didn't make the previous training date. Chris will email her the new date.
- DBS for new youth leaders (Nick etc), Melissa, our new SYFC student youth leader – Julie will follow up with Claire.
- DBS for Rev Trevor Day, Trevor will provide details to Julie

16. Audit of files at home, and in other places.

Please ask around all officers and retired officers and find all papers stored at home. We are eventually, mostly interested in securing registers and staff rosters for safeguarding, but need a list of everything you keep. Email a list to Chris please, we will assess and advise on storage, disposal etc.

17. Contribution to Clive's Extended Study Leave.

We will contribute £1000. And we expect Clive to use his expenses to the utmost extent of the budget.

18. Other notifications/progress

- Finances arbiter David Froude – no news, we're awaiting his decision
- Baptist pension fund – delayed till at least end of year
- Letters sent – none. Chris needs to get a grip...
- Letters received –

URC Finances – Leaflets were given out, Chris will email the letter.

Parish Officers training day, Chris will circulate letter and sign-up details

Financial reporting for charities, seminar letter given to Sue.

Email from locality team about Shaw Village Centre – to Steve and Sue.

19. PCC meeting

Chris is in early discussion with Julian Wright (ASLM) No firm date yet, though aiming at Sept. PC would like the Exec to cover this (forming a minimum quorum).

20. AOB Items

- Pete Gilder – 24 hours of prayer

Pete will convene a group shortly, possibly a Monday evening in late Sept.

Expressions of interested support from St Marys (Claire could rep both St Marys and emerge folks), Messy Church (Mary). **I'm sure there were other pledges of interest I failed to note?**

- Chris – A common Christmas card?

If CPO are doing the Church Advertising Network design this year, go with it. Westlea will want 1700, Toothill would not deliver widely and would want 200, HTS would deliver but not widely and want 500, St Marys would deliver some and have a pile in church, want 1000. Chris will get share designs and get prices.

- David - URC same-sex marriage discussions

URC had a big synod discussion on same-sex marriage. Churches to discuss for 18 months and feedback. Exec will put in on agenda at PC then churches (probably)

21. Next PC meeting date (Mark)

Deanery Leadership Team want to visit us and talk about Budgets and pledges - can they come 4th Nov (...preferred... or 6th Nov)?

4th Nov (Tue) is OK. Venue: Toothill. Worship leader will be Clive

Chris will inform the team.

22. Other diary dates and reminders

2014

- 3 Sept Keith Osbourn's (Incoming Methodist Upper Thames Circuit Superintendent Minister) welcome do, 7pm at Highworth. Clive and Mark hoping to go, Janet would like to, Mike intended to.
- 10 Sept Extra deanery synod at Christchurch to talk about money, at least Clive and Sue, though others welcome.
- 13 Sept (Sat) Archbishop's visit, 9:45-10:15

If you want to see the ABC be inside St Marys at 9:30

- 13 Sept (Sat) Ride and Stride for Wiltshire Historic Churches
- 14 Sept (Sun) Eucharist at Bristol Cathedral (Archbishop Justin preaching) – 4 reservations made (for us and ASLM). Chris will ping the email address and find out when we will hear.
- 6 Oct Next Exec meeting
- 18 Oct (Sat) Parish Officers' Training Day 9:30-345 Chippenham
PCC/DCC Secretaries, Treasurers, Churchwardens, Administrators, Licensed Clergy. Chris will email details
- 13 Oct (Mon) Pray for Schools day at Christchurch.
- 31 Oct (Fri) Light party with Gail, afternoon
- 4 Nov PC at Toothill, with DLT to talk budgets etc.
- 21 Dec All age nativity (joint) 9:45 – 4pm. Carol services can then be slotted in at 6:30.
- 28 Dec Joint carol service at St Marys

2015

- 18 Feb Ash Wed - Lent begins (Ash Wed service at, and led by Toothill) (Further Lent arrangements for future discussion)
- *15 Mar Mothering Sunday (no arrangements, just reminder)*
- 12 Apr (Sun). Partnership AGM
- 2 Apr Maundy Thursday - children's day
- *3 Apr Good Friday (no arrangements, just reminder)*
- *5 Apr Easter Sunday (no arrangements, just reminder)*
- 7 May SYFC retreat at St Marys.

Rev Trevor Day closed in prayer and the Grace was shared...at 9:40