

ALL SAINTS METHODIST CHURCH
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING
HELD ON 24th SEPTEMBER 2020

Via ZOOM

Present:

Rev.Ian Griffiths	(Chair)	Sue Russell (Secretary)
Dcn.Selina Nisbett	Helen Appleyard	Martin Appleyard
Ruth Coward	Tim Coward	Jenny Caddy
Chris Caddy	Derek Pooley	Jennifer Pooley
Valerie Grist	Alan Grist	Larissa Richards
Marion Orchard	Brian Mansfield	Joanne Phipps
Sue Butler	John Orchard	Pat Brightwell
Paul Williams	Marion Williams	Rosemary Stanbury
Chris Greenough	Mike Brown	Eileen Appleyard
Margaret Ellwood	Jan Greenough	

1. Welcome and Devotions

Rev. Ian Griffiths welcomed those present on Zoom to All Saint's Annual Church Meeting which opened at 7.30pm. He began with prayers. There followed prayers in memory of Jenny Edmunds, Betty Hallett, Murial Dickson and Geoff Simons

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from;

Pauline Marshall Cliff Marshall Rosemary Perrow David Perrow
Judith PB

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous annual general meeting on 30th June 2019 will be agreed and signed at the next Church Council due to COVID restrictions.

4. Presentation of the Annual Report for 2019/2020

Annual report- Ian commented that there had been some contact with members throughout Covid 19 lockdown but the report reflected the wider, whole church business.

Financial Report. – Richard said that there had been a modest loss of income due to lockdown and the only stream of letting at present was from the playgroup, who have a license agreement. Rental income would potentially be £4000 less this year.

There was no collection of money or envelopes as the church opened for the first service last week amidst Covid restriction regulations, but it was felt that a plate could be left out for envelope giving. Richard offered to have the plate sit for 72hrs at his house before counting and banking the money.

It was recognised that Brian had, as always, done a wonderful job of managing the finances and All Saints acknowledged their grateful thanks for this, along with the help of the finance group.

Ian thanked David Perrow for the hard work that he had put in into reopening the church in line with COVID guidance regulations. He had kept on top of the frequent government changes and the congregation had been delighted to meet again, despite restricted numbers. Thanks were given to the stewards and ushers for implementing the risk assessed rules and now that alterations had been discussed the procedure should flow more smoothly. All notices about COVID restrictions could be found on the notice boards.

5. Election of Stewards to serve 2019-2020 and Re-Election of Representatives to the Church Council

Ruth Coward was thanked for her time as stewards. All Saints had been grateful for her volunteering and recognised her many skills and input, especially to CribFest.

The elected team of church stewards for the coming year would now be

David Perrow	Rosemary Perrow	Helen Appleyard	Martin Appleyard
Tim Coward			

The small steward group cannot function as in the past and it was hoped to appoint leadership and Worship stewards but these roles will need to wait until life becomes 'normal!'

The current chairs of the various committees and action groups were confirmed as representatives to the church council. In addition the following were elected as representatives of the ACM to the Church Council.

Alistair Batey	Derek Pooley	Jenny Pooley
Joanne Phipps	Margaret Ellwood	

The composition of the Church Council is for the next year therefore.

Minister (Chair)	Rev Ian Griffiths	
Secretary	Sue Russell	
Treasurer	Brian Mansfield	
Stewards	David Perrow	Helen Appleyard
	Rosemary Perrow	Tim Coward
	Martin Appleyard	
Pastoral Committee Secretary	Sue Butler	
ACM Representatives and other office holders	Paul Williams	Mission Action
	Vacant	The Fellowship
	Margaret Hoskins	Communion Steward
	Trudy Hall	Junior Church

	Judith Penrose Brown	CFC & Youth Forum
	Richard Matthews	Finance Committee
	David Perrow	Property Action
	Helen Applevard	Safeguarding
Church Meeting Appointments (Up to 15)	Alistair Batey	Jenny Pooley
	Joanne Phipps	Derek Pooley
	Margaret Ellwood	

All Saints Reps to Circuit meeting

Tim Coward -	Invitations Committee
Brian Mansfield -	Treasurer
Sue Butler	

Kate Jones was thanked for her service on the Church Council during the time of Messy Church rep. Her invaluable work with Rush Common Pre-School was also noted and appreciated. Kate has also stepped down from her role as All Saints rep to Circuit meetings.

Following the election to post Ian said prayers for Wisdom for all those elected.

6. Other Items

- **COVID Government Guideline changes – these did not change significantly this week and still allow for 30 people to worship.**

Ian and Selina will alternate between Trinity and All Saints to provide services but will also continue to publish their weekly Worship at Home material. Keith will also continue with his Zoom service.

Keith has sent round requests for preachers availability to travel and a new plan may be formed from 18th October. A list of those involved in use of either Zoom material, Emailed services or printed copies has remained high and has gone beyond our local churches, providing reading material for those not usually involved with church which has been seen as great mission opportunities. Globally it has been received in Ireland, USA and Zambia as examples.

Chris Greenough has designed some YouTube material but had disappointingly received few reviews. It was noted that many people had not received it. Selina commented that she would like material for the Bereavement Service to follow this online format.

ACTION: Ian to ask Eluned to distribute

Rosemary thanked everyone involved with electronic lockdown communications, which enabled you to sit at home but feel connected with church.

ACTION:

- **Sue Russell** to send cards to those members on their own or who needed support, as a welcome or thanking – David & Rosemary Perrow, Abi Perrow, Keith Underhill, Laurel Simons, Mike and Margaret Caton, Sylvia and Martin Wilson, Brian & Gillian, Kate Jones, Myrtle Hodgkins

7. Date of Next Meeting

Date Sunday at end of May 2021

8. Blessing

The meeting closed with a reflection on the lines from the hymn,

'Praise Him for all that is past and trust Him for all that's to come'

The meeting closed at 8.35pm with all Zoomers saying the GRACE.

Sue Russell

24 September 2020