



## SUNBURY METHODIST CHURCH

### Minutes of Annual Church Meeting 03 May 2015.

**Present:**, Rosline Ansell, Dulcie Armstrong, **Keith Armstrong**, **Katie Baldwin**, **Nesli Bennett**, **Jacqui Bond**, Doreen Bravery, **Maureen Brown**, Tony Brown, Geoff Buckingham, **Eileen Coombes**, **Michele Coombes**, **Phil Coombes**, Reg Coombes, **Rev. Vicci Davidson** (Chair), Mandi Dolding, **Tony Dolding**, **Sue Dye**, Jen Eckford, **Andrea Edwards**, Colin Edwards **Trevor Evans**, **Val Evans**, Barbara Forrester, **Jill Fraser**, Rosina Garofolo, Margaret Goodgame, **Dee Hallam**, Len Hartigan, **Jane Haycocks**, **Linzi Nolan**, Ian Pegg, Andre Pettersson, **Lynne Richardson**, **Simon Richardson**, **Joanne Ryecroft**, **Revd. John Salmon**, Lynnette Salmon, Alastair Somerville, **Mary Somerville**, Margie Stanford, Marigold Stephens, Garry Stevens, Mike Stevens, Norma Stevens, Wendy Turner, **Pat Udy**, Eric Watts, Sheila Watts, Alan Webb, Sylvia Webb

**(Church Council members in bold)**

**Apologies received from:** **Jill Fraser**, **Sue Dye**, Nigel Purchase, Ruth Purchase, Gwen Worswick.

1. The meeting opened with prayer.

**2. Adoption of Minutes of last Church Council (11 May 2014)**

These were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting (proposer Margaret Goodgame, seconded by Shelia Watts). The minutes were then signed.

**3. Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting not covered in Agenda:**

None

**4. Annual Report.**

The Annual Report was distributed and reviewed. Thanks were recorded to Nesli Bennett and Jacqui Bond for their hard work in preparing the report and for all contributions.

There was no immediate comment from the meeting on the report.

**5. Appointments from 1 September 2015.**

**a). Church Stewards.** Vicci stated that Standing Orders require that Stewards cannot serve for more than 6 years unless there are specific circumstances which necessitate this. She went on to thank Jill Fraser and Michele Coombes for their service which they had both given in excess of 6 years.

Nomination forms were received for: Alastair Somerville, Jane Haycocks, Trevor Evans, Tony Dolding, Linzi Nolan and Wendy Turner. These persons were accepted unanimously by as Church Stewards.

**b). Church Council Secretary.** Katie Baldwin has expressed a need to stand down from the position. Vicci asked the meeting to consider who might be able to take up this role from 01 September 2015.

**c). Representatives to Church Council.** Nomination forms have been received from Keith Armstrong, Eileen Coombes, Sue Dye, Dee Hallam, Lynne Richardson, Mary Somerville, Pat Udy, Eric Watts, Sheila Watts, Reg Coombes and Jill Fraser. These persons were accepted by a unanimous vote as representatives to the Church Council.

**d). Representatives to Circuit Meeting.** Vicci stated that the number of representatives to Circuit had been changed recently. Clarification was to be sought on the recently agreed number of representatives and the four nominations received would be put to a secret ballot during the fellowship lunch being held immediately after the meeting. As a result of this ballot Phil Coombes and Mary Somerville were voted as representatives to Circuit Meetings.

**e). Vacancy on the Circuit Training and Services committee.** Vicci stated that there had not been a Sunbury Representative on this committee for many years. No nominations were received. Following the meeting Keith Armstrong offered his services in respect of this committee. **Vicci accepted his offer subject to approval of the next full Church Council Meeting**

**f). Vacancy on the Circuit Public Issues committee.** Vicci stated that there had not been a Sunbury Representative on this committee for many years. No nominations were received. Vicci asked everyone to consider this prayerfully and to respond to Katie Baldwin or herself if they are able to step forward. **Action Katie/Vicci**

**g). Other Appointments.** Vicci summarised other standing Church appointments and thanked everyone for their service. She noted that a large number of people are involved in many different roles. A full list of appointments to serve from 01 September will be distributed with the minutes. **Action Katie**

**Items 6. Building the Church Community and 7. Church Council item were considered together.** Vicci introduced the matter by explaining that £30,000 is urgently needed to carry out repairs necessary to the building as it ages. She advised that the amount needed equated to £450 per church member admitting that the majority of members would not have this kind of money to hand. She urged members to attend fundraising events and to bring friends and family in support. A brief discussion was had relating to the use of direct debits to raise money and how this might interact with circuit finances. Vicci asked Joanne Rycroft to look into this matter and feedback.

**Action Joanne**

**8. Circuit Finances.**

Ian Pegg, Circuit Treasurer, gave a presentation on how Circuit finances are used and how each church is apportioned its share of the monies available. There was a question and answer session. Vicci thanked Ian for his time.

**9. Any other business.**

No other business arose.

**10. Date for Annual Church Meeting 2016.**

A date of 08 May 2016 was provisionally agreed.

The meeting then closed with the Grace.