



CHRIST CHURCH LILLE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

Held in the church hall on Sunday 29 April 2018 at 12.00 noon

1 Opening with prayers

The Chaplain led the meeting in prayers and welcomed all those present.

2 Welcome and opening remarks by the Lay Vice-President

B Alobwede welcomed all those present and thanked them for coming. After reminding everyone that the AGM answered requirements both for French Associations and Church of England chaplaincies, he said that the AGM was an opportunity to reflect on the past and to look forward.

He thanked all the volunteers, but more particularly offered thanks to the Chaplain for her work, much of which took place behind the scenes. Over the ten years she has been with us, we have seen so much progress. Members agreed wholeheartedly with these sentiments.

Apologies for absence

15 members of the electoral roll were present at the meeting.

The following people were unable to be present:

Fanny Mavor, Maggie and Paul Devos, Pamela Deegan, Marie-Christine Bouillet, Mona Maka-Cockerell

3 Electoral roll

There are currently 53 people on the electoral roll.

4 Minutes of the last meeting

These were unanimously accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Matters arising: There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5 Reports

• Chaplain's report

The Chaplain's report, the theme of which is "Great is thy faithfulness," is attached, but in summary, she spoke of:

- Being a good steward of the church property and the improvements and refurbishments
- Being a good steward of people: how the issues of music, resistance to change, quality consistency in preaching, communication and teamwork have been addressed
- Training for volunteers and leaders
- Ministry as maintenance and mission; particularly plans to improve finances in order to recruit a youth/student worker
- Working with the Eglise Protestante Unie de France and the C3 café

The Chaplain thanked all the many people who give of their time and energy; she invited everyone to pray for this church community.

• Finance report:

Accounts for 2017

Charts showing the income and expenditure are attached.

The accounts had been examined by the official Independent Examiner, Tony Banton, and approved by the PCC.

Overall, in spite of a worrying downward trend in Planned Giving, the end of the year had shown a final excess of income over expenditure of nearly €4 900. The reduced cost of the chaplain's accommodation made a big difference and there were also exceptional fund-raising events last year.

The accounts were accepted by the meeting. A vote of thanks to the Treasurer was unanimously agreed, and a vote of thanks was also offered to the Accounts Examiner.

Budget for 2018

The budget for 2018 was not very different from previous years. However, with decreasing costs linked to the chaplain's accommodation, it was projected to end the year on a more positive note. The budget was accepted unanimously.

Fabric report

D Bolton presented the fabric report and summarised the works which had taken place in the church, the hall and also at the chaplaincy house.

6 Safeguarding

The Safeguarding Officer sent a report mentioning Level 1 training, now completed by all PCC members and group leaders, and also the forthcoming Level 2 training.

7 Elections and Appointments

• Churchwardens (elected annually)

Two candidates had been nominated and Bruno Alobwede and David Bolton were duly appointed.

• Church Council members

For seven places, there were four candidates/ The following people were therefore welcomed to the church council:

Marie-Christine Bouillet

Ivo Kalle

Solomon Sadiq

Anthony Wanjohi

Independent Accounts Examiner

Tony Banton had expressed his willingness to continue to serve in this capacity even though he was unable to be present at the AGM. This offer was accepted with grateful thanks.

Any Other Business – GDPR

The secretary presented a short note on the new data protection regulations coming into force; she said that Christ Church was doing its best to protect personal data, and asked that everyone tried to do the same, whether in a personal or church capacity.

There being no other business, the meeting closed with prayers at 13:20

Rosemary Ulyett, 29 April 2018