



## CHRIST CHURCH LILLE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

Held via Zoom videoconferencing on Tuesday 16 April 2024 at 20:00

### 1 Opening with prayers

The Chaplain led the meeting in prayers and welcomed everybody to the AGM.

### 2 Apologies for absence

The following people were unable to be present:

Paul Devos, Alexandra Sykes, Constantin Thieffry

### 3 The electoral roll

There are currently 30 people on the electoral roll.

17 members of the electoral roll were present at the meeting and one guest.

### 4 Minutes of the last meeting

These were unanimously accepted as a true record of the meeting. There were no matters arising from the minutes not arising elsewhere.

### 5 Reports

The meeting noted that all the reports are available on the website

#### Chaplain's report

The full Chaplain's report is attached, but in summary,

- The chaplain looked back over her 17 years at Christ Church
- Building and improving
- Stability
- Coming change
- Her retirement at the end of November 2023

Finally, she thanked everyone who worked so hard in our church community to make things possible and offered prayers for everyone in the church.

#### Thanks to the Chaplain

D Bolton then spoke on behalf of all at Christ Church and thanked the chaplain warmly and sincerely for all her work, and for bearing with all the ups and downs of our church over the past 17 years. He mentioned her care to value every member of the church community, and every role; she has encouraged participation through delegation.

#### • Finance report

##### Accounts for 2023

**Charts** showing the income and expenditure were shown to the meeting.

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

**Income** was a little lower in 2023 than in 2022, and total income was €57 526.

**Expenditure** was also a little lower than in 2022 at €63 245

**Overall** the year ended with a **negative balance of -€5 719**

The accounts were accepted by the meeting. A vote of thanks to the Treasurer was unanimously agreed, and a wholehearted vote of thanks was also offered to the Accounts Examiner whose help and support is much appreciated. The council noted that Tony Banton was standing down as Independent Accounts Examiner this year, after he had finished his work as Independent Examiner.

##### Budget for 2023

Budgeted income amounts to €58 000 and budgeted expenditure to €71 916, a shortfall of -€ 13 916

The budget, which had already been approved by the church council, was accepted by the meeting.

#### • Fabric report

D Bolton presented the fabric report which is attached. In summary:

- Repairs to the joining wall with the new building have begun but are ongoing

- Thank you to the Town Hall for all their work but we are still waiting for a date for disabled access works
- Maintenance works to the chaplaincy house continue
- We continue to monitor utilities consumption
- Thanks to all who help with cleaning, maintenance and associated admin tasks

- **Other reports**

Reports from leaders of our Outreach programme, Ladies' Bible Study, Working with Christ prayer group, Sunday Club, Bible Study, Eco-church and the communications team were given and can be found on the website. All reported on thriving activities and learning.

## 6 Safeguarding

- Our commitment to providing a safe environment is integral to what we do
- Thank you to everyone who takes part in training and to leaders and volunteers, who are vital to ensuring the safety and well-being of everyone in our care
- Warm thanks to Pam Deegan for her work over the years, and she is now handing over to Pratima Maarschalkerweerd as Safeguarding Officer, ably assisted by Maggie Devos.

## 7 Elections and Appointments

- **Churchwardens (2, elected annually)**

Two candidates had been nominated and David Bolton and Calvin Devanesan were duly appointed to serve for one year.

- **Church Council members (2 vacancies)**

Two candidates had come forward and were duly elected to serve for three years:

Tony Banton\*

Urmila Barua

\* As Tony Banton was no longer accounts examiner, he was able to join the electoral roll of the church and thus was eligible for election.

- **Appointment of the Independent Accounts Examiner**

Tony Banton having stood down, another qualified Chartered Accountant has agreed to act in this role. The meeting approved the appointment of Louise Coffey unanimously and with thanks.

## 8 Any other business and closing remarks

M Devos spoke for everybody when she said that as this would be the Chaplain Debbie's last AGM at Christ Church, we thank her for all her hard work, for her commitment and persistence. She will be missed.

D Flach said that the church will continue in the safe hands of the Archdeacon and the Churchwardens and that things will carry on.

There being no other business, the chaplain thanked the members for taking part and the meeting closed with prayers.

Rosemary Ulyett, 18 April 2024

A list of members present is attached.

**CHRIST CHURCH LILLE**

**AGM 2024**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

The Reverend Canon Debbie Flach

A Banton

A Beckwith

D Bolton

S Bray

F Coester

C Devanesan

M Devos

Peter Hawkins

Patricia Hawkins

M-J Jones

R Kagaoan Calo

N Maarschalkeweerd

S Naïngae

D Ross

J Swann

R Ulyett