

**Parish Church of Christ Church the Quinton**  
**Annual Vestry Meeting Sunday 29th April 2018 at 10.30am**

**Agenda**

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2. Minutes of the Vestry Meeting 2017
3. Election of Church Wardens for 2018/19

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2. Minutes of APCM 2017
3. Appointment of Chair/Secretary for the meeting
4. Electoral Roll Report
5. Deanery Synod report
6. Election of PCC Members
7. Appointment of Sides-people
8. Financial Report
  - a. Approval of independently examined financial statement
  - b. Appointment of independent examiner for next year
9. Approval of Annual Report for The Charity Commission
10. Acceptance of reports from Church groups
11. Annual meeting of the Coffee Shop incl acceptance of Coffee Shop reports.
12. Rectors report
13. AOB and questions

**Parish of Christ Church the Quinton**  
**Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held on**  
**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 at 10.30 am in the Church**

**Present:** Chair Rev Jenny Arnold & 82 parishioners

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from:- Sharron Brice, Maddie Cattell, Sarah Coton, Joan Curley, Pam Horton, Rob Jennings, Vicki Johnson, Bryan Palser, Laura Starkey, Tracey Straker, Wendy Trevor.

**2. Minutes of the vestry meeting 2016.**

Acceptance of the minutes as a correct record of the meeting was:-

**Proposed by:** Doreen Morris **Seconded by:** Margaret Hanchett

The minutes were then approved unanimously.

**3. Appointment of Church Wardens**

Two nominations had been received:-

Boliver Forrest was proposed by Peter Sherwen and seconded by David Homer

John Trevor was proposed by Maddie Cattell and seconded by Linda Evans

There were no other nominations. The Chair proposed these candidates were accepted en bloc. This was proposed by Chris Iles and seconded by John Ullah, and approved unanimously. The two candidates were therefore declared duly elected.

It was noted that Boliver is now in his 6<sup>th</sup> year as Warden and according to Church of England Rules he should not be re-elected after this year for at least another year assuming there are at least two nominations next year. There is a possibility of appointing an Assistant Warden but at present, no-one has volunteered for this role. It is considered a good opportunity to find out more about the Church Warden's roles and responsibilities and it was noted that anyone interested should speak to either Boliver or John for further information and let Jenny know so that their interest could be noted by the PCC and their appointment appropriately confirmed.

The Wardens were thanked for all their work over the past year and were prayed for in the year ahead

The vestry meeting was then declared closed

# **Parish of Christ Church, The Quinton**

## **Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 at 10.30 am in the Church**

1. **Apologies for absence:** All apologies were noted in the minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting.
2. **Minutes of the APCM 2016:** Under point 8.1 acceptance of the finance report, Bryan Palser was noted to be the proposer and Bill Stevenson the seconder. Bryan Palser had tendered his apologies and was not at the meeting. The minutes should have recorded Heather Williams as the proposer and Boliver Forrest as the seconder. With these amendments to the minutes, it was proposed by John Ullah and seconded by Josie Hinves that the minutes of the APCM 2016 be accepted as a correct record. This was accepted unanimously.
- 3 **Appointment of Chair/Secretary for the meeting:** Rev Jenny Arnold as chair of the meeting and Sue Hamilton as secretary for the meeting were approved unanimously and duly appointed as Chair and Secretary for the meeting respectively
4. **Electoral Roll report:** The Electoral roll report prepared by the Electoral Roll Officer, Sue Shaw shows that there are currently 181 names on the electoral roll (during the year there have been 8 additions and 4 removals). A full copy of the report is attached to the APCM papers on file and available on request.

The nature of the Roll was outlined by Jenny Arnold, noting that only those on the Roll should vote for PCC and Deanery synod places. The report was accepted unanimously.

Any further additions could be added to the roll at the first PCC meeting and so required forms must be given to Sue Shaw in advance of that meeting.

5. **Election of Deanery Synod Members:** There was one nomination for Deanery Synod. Peter Sherwen was proposed by David Homer and seconded by Bob Hope.

This appointment was approved unanimously.

### **5.1 Deanery Synod report**

The Deanery Synod report was available in the annual meeting pack. It was noted that the meetings of the Deanery Synod are open meetings and everyone is

welcome to attend, not just the Deanery Synod reps. One topic is addressed at each meeting. Deanery Synod reps are automatically on the PCC.

Thanks were expressed to those who had served on the Synod in the past year.

**6 Election of Parochial Church Council Members:** The Chair announced there were 5 vacancies on PCC, four for three years and one for two years as Jackie Morton had stood down during the year. David Gallivan, Sue Hamilton and Bev Heritage had completed their 3 year term. The following nominations had been received:-

David Homer **Nominated:** Peter Sherwen **Seconded:** Bob Hope

Jo Jennings **Nominated:** Bev Heritage **Seconded:** Mark Heritage

Doreen Morris **Nominated:** Boliver Forrest **Seconded:** Elaine Buchan

Lisa Moody **Nominated:** Bev Heritage **Seconded:** Jo Jennings

Jo White **Nominated:** Liz Forrest **Seconded:** Bev Heritage

There being no further nominations, it was proposed by Heather Williams and seconded by Chris Iles that these 5 were elected en bloc, there being no objections these 5 were duly elected.

It would be agreed at the first PCC meeting who would serve for 3 years and who would serve for 2 years. Once approved the minute of the PCC are available on the notice board at the back of the church.

**7. Appointment of Sides people:** The Chair thanked all current sides people for their hard work. A list of all those currently on the rota was available and it was requested that if there was anyone willing to be added to the list that they discuss the role in more detail with the Church Wardens as it is possible to add to the list during the year. The Sides person's role involves being on duty 3-4 times over a 2 month period. The Church Wardens co-ordinate the rota and there is always a senior sides person on duty who can deal with any concerns during the service. It is possible to swap with someone else on the rota if needed and this happens regularly and easily due to the numbers on the list. It was proposed that the current list of sides people be reappointed for the coming year by Jo Jennings, seconded by Bev Heritage and accepted unanimously.

**8. Financial Report:** Jenny outlined the summary of the statement on behalf of the PCC concerning the change from Creditor/Debtor to Receipts/Payments system. The figures presented for 2015 appear discrepant in the report as a result but this was purely due to transitioning between the two approaches and not due to any change to the accounts presented to the APCM meeting in 2016.

The system now being used was recommended by the Diocese and the External Examiner, Chris Foy had indicated that he was aware of the change in systems

for 2016. The official accounts will include a new note and an addendum had been produced separately and circulated to the attendees as the Annual Meeting report had already been printed prior to the agreement of the addendum and it had not been possible to re-print the packs.

Thanks were expressed to the Finance team. A report was presented by Elaine Buchan outlining the income which combined the Church and Coffee Shop finances. This consisted of giving, Gift Aid, Hall Fees and sundry income from specified giving and grants. All members of the congregations were encouraged to give by a planned approach and UK taxpayers encouraged to Gift Aid their donations.

Between a third and a half of the expenditure of the Church was our contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund which pays clergy stipends, housing and pensions and the Diocesan staff who assist us in wider issues. The remaining two thirds is spent on other ministry costs, staff salaries and general running of the Church and Coffee Shop.

Thanks were expressed to Doreen for her hard work, particularly in moving the accounts to the new software.

The accounts showed a surplus of £50. There is an outstanding Gift Aid amount of £10,121 which under the new system would go into the 2017 accounts when it arrived.

Running costs have decreased during the year, the Diocese also took on the rent for the Curate's house and with Adrian leaving before the end of the year there had been less of a commitment to his salary. Phil Arnold had joined the staff team but his post is a shared one with Quinton Youth for Christ and only 50% was contributed by Christ Church. There had been a decrease in grant money for the work based at the Coffee Shop but this is again largely as grants awarded have fallen into 2017 under the new accounting system. There had been a loss on the Weekend Away however as the deposit had been paid in the previous year this was not completely obvious from the accounts.

The Church has £40,000 on deposit. The Charity Commission requires a reserve of 3-4 months of running costs and the figure is appropriate for this.

Last year capital expenditure was low, the major item was £4k on the new cooker and repair work to the Hall kitchen.

It is likely that a much larger sum will need to be spent in the current year and it is expected that around £11k will be required to deal with roof repairs to the Church and Parish Hall, work on the lightening conductor and electrical survey, sewerage and the alarm on the Coffee Shop.

Overall giving has decreased and encouragement for people to plan their giving and give regularly was expressed. This could be either through Standing Order or via Envelope giving. This allows the Church to benefit from Gift Aid.

Questions were discussed about the Common Fund and it was noted that in view of the number of clergy and the support from the Diocesan Office for matters pertaining to safeguarding and the school for example, Christ Church is a net gainer from the Common Fund.

The issues around planned giving were further discussed and it was noted that the finance team members are available to discuss options for planned giving can be discussed on an individual basis.

The Chair of the meeting noted that after several years of deficit, even a small surplus was a reason for great thankfulness.

It was proposed by Neil Allen, seconded by John Trevor that the Finance report and accounts be accepted. This was agreed unanimously.

8.2 The report for submission to the Charity Commission was proposed by Bob Iles, seconded by Bill Stevenson and accepted unanimously. A copy of the report was available for anyone who wished to view it and is kept on file with the record of the meeting.

8.3 It was proposed by Phil Amey and seconded by Sue Sherwen that Chris Foy be appointed as the independent examiner for next year. Chris had indicated his willingness to stand and this proposal was accepted unanimously. An official letter of thanks would be sent to Chris in recognition of his work on examining the accounts.

**9. Acceptance of reports from Church groups:** It was noted that the report on Church Activity should have recorded the number of confirmations as 6. All other reports were included in the APCM pack. It was proposed by Heather Williams, seconded by John Todd that these reports be approved. This was accepted unanimously.

**10. Annual Meeting of Paul and Barny's Place (The Coffee Shop):** Acceptance of the minutes of the annual meeting of Paul and Barny's Place (The Coffee Shop) was proposed by Heather Williams, seconded by John Todd and agreed unanimously

Separate written report on activity at the Coffee Shop was available in the booklet for the meeting.

Jenny Arnold outlined the role of the Coffee Shop Management Committee as a sub-committee of the PCC. The committee has been the same for the past 3 years consisting of Barbara Burke, Geoff Horton, Sue Strong, John Todd and

John Trevor, Manny Grewel and Jane Browne have indicated their willingness to stand for the committee. The committee can consist of up to 7 members proposed by the PCC. The PCC had proposed at their last meeting that the above 7 people were recommended by the PCC to the APCM. It was proposed by Elaine Buchan and seconded by Chris Iles that these 7 be accepted en bloc. This was approved unanimously.

**11 Rector's Report:** A copy of the report was available in the booklet prepared for the meeting.

Jenny reflected on Acts 2

This gives us a picture of the early church before people are even called Christians who were learning how to put Jesus' teaching into practice. They met in the Temple and in each other's homes. Everything was generously shared and others were attracted by their worship and generosity.

The report highlighted the triangular life of up to God, in to each other and out to our wider community which was a focus of our vision day.

Thanks were given to God for all He has done in and through us

The Rector's report was closed in prayer

**12. AOB and Questions:**

It was pointed out that the Church drive does not include the car park

It was noted that Mozaik (a Fresh Expression) is continuing although the group remains small in number.

Agnes Lownes asked about a Job Description for the Children's work as people might be put off offering to be involved as the role could seem quite daunting and complex. Jenny Arnold explained a job description for all children's work is already in place and a written Job Description for Sides people was in process and the plan is to create more Job Descriptions in time. It was suggested that a buddy system was put in place so someone new could learn from someone already in a role.

Boliver Forrest and John Trevor proposed a vote of thanks to Jenny for her hard work, noting that a growing church brings many challenges and Jenny deal with these with skill, patience and sensitivity.

Jenny thanked Andrew and Rachel as colleagues. Andrew proposed a vote of thanks to Andy Arnold for his involvement and openness for the congregation to use the Rectory for many church activities, it is Andy and Jenny's home.

The meeting was then closed in prayer

## Rector's report

As I look back over the last year there have inevitably been ups and downs. Congregation members have faced illness and significant bereavement. And there have been difficult decisions to take as a church - particularly over our provision for pre-school children. In the early summer last year we had many discussions around our pre-school as Julie stepped down as manager. And then more recently the PCC was faced with a very difficult decision that will result in Stay and Play finishing in its current form in the church hall at the end of July. I outlined the reasons behind this decision in a letter to all congregation members last month. We all recognise the huge contribution that the leaders and volunteers have made, as they have faithfully run this group for over 30 years. We can't always know the impact that we've had on the lives of others, but we know, as St. Paul says at the end of 1 Corinthians 15, that no work we do in the Lord's name is ever in vain. I see the closure of Stay and Play in its current form as not the end – but rather just the beginning of something new. This illustrates a principle behind all we do as a church. We continue to be faithful to God's calling, "to proclaim the Gospel afresh to each generation". Our calling remains the same – but the way that calling is lived out may change over time as contemporary culture changes. We will continue to seek ways to continue to serve our young families and see what exciting new ways God may have in store for us in the coming years.

There is so much to give thanks for over the last year. We continue to see new people joining us week by week – of all ages and ethnic backgrounds. It has been a particular joy to me, as well as an answered personal prayer, that we now have a thriving group of young people at both Rock Solid and Cafe church; And it was so encouraging to see them leading an evening service with such confidence and challenge. Phil has now been working with us for about 18 months and we're certainly seeing the fruit of his ministry. One of the Diocesan goals is "Growing younger" and we are seeing that as a church – but as I said last year, that doesn't mean we forget those who are older and our work with the elderly at the Coffee Shop, Queensridge Court and Allenbrooke continues to flourish. As our range of ministries increases the need for administrative help is vital and we are grateful to Sue Shaw who served us at Christ Church for so many years and retired in June. Elaine, as you know, has taken over the role and expertly expanded it to encompass the setting up of Church Suite which has so greatly helped our communication as a church.

Boliver steps down this year having been our Church Warden for 6 years. A huge thank-you to him for all he does both in terms of ensuring our services run smoothly but also in being that ever open ear to listen. Thank you also to John and his faithful service as Church Warden and also to Chris and Heather as our Readers, and to so many others who serve us at Christ Church whether through leading our worship, our children's work, home groups, serving as PCC members, doing practical tasks and caring for others through our licensed lay pastoral team. We are so fortunate at Christ Church to have so many members who continue to faithfully serve in so many church ministries – often behind the scenes and with great humility – not expecting public thanks and recognition. God knows who you are and says to all – "Well done good and faithful servant".

I am blessed not only with lay colleagues in ministry but also with a team of ordained colleagues in Matthew, Andrew and Rachel. Andrew has now heard that the Bishop



recommends him to be licensed for a post with permanent common tenure - which in simple terms means that he has finished his formal training role as Curate. We will wait to see what happens next in terms of where Andrew is licensed. Rachel continues into the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of her curacy and continues to bring her extensive skills and experience particularly in children and family ministries. As with Phil we are seeing the fruit of her ministry - including the success of the new 4 o'clock church.

As we look to the year ahead we continue to seek ways to ensure we continue growing up, in and out as we come to experience God in deeper ways in worship, grow in our love and care for each other and reach out in word and deed to those who do not yet know Christ. I believe that one of the challenges to this growth is our limited building capacity. As we know there is constant over-demand on the hall and the church building is limited in size, flexible space and appropriate facilities. The Coffee Shop – whilst being ideal in many ways, also has limitations in terms of space and flexibility. One question that the new PCC must address is whether the time has come to review our buildings and consider if they are limiting our potential for growth and effective ministry. Perhaps now is the time to begin considering major re-ordering?

Thank you for supporting and praying for me as together we grow God's Kingdom in Quinton.

“We were all baptised by one Spirit so as to form one body ... and so the body is not made up of one part but of many” (1 Corinth. 12: 13,14)

Yours in Christ

*Jenny*

## **Curates report – Andrew Wells**

Can I begin my report by thanking you all for your prayerful encouragement and support during this past year. One thing I have learned during my three years of curacy here at Christ Church is that leadership is plural, not singular and I remain so grateful for all that I have learned from so many of you.

Church is not confined to these four walls and much of my time is taken up with sharing the Good News of our Lord with those who, perhaps because of age or frailty cannot make it to the services on a Sunday. It is a joy to join with the groups run by Iris at the Coffee Shop and to take Holy Communion to local nursing and residential homes – a joy I share with a wonderful group of co-workers.

And yes, I do work with the younger members of our family as well. I remain a governor of our Church Primary school and along with the other clergy and Phil, regularly take whole school assemblies.

My diary fills up so very quickly – services to prepare, sermons to write, funeral visits, training events – the list goes on. But the good news (and I hope this shows) is that I love what I am doing. I feel a happiness and contentment which I believe is God given and I thank Him for it. With all of you I continue to look forward to serving the one “who is, and who was and who is to come” (Revelation 1:8, NIV)

Revd Andrew Wells

## **Curates Report : Rachel Heathfield**

I think I am getting into the swing of being a curate now! And thanks to the good people of Christ Church, I am loving every minute! Being priested in July was an extraordinary moment and I felt God’s hand firmly on my life. I am grateful he has brought me to this point, to this place, at this time.

I am involved with many regular activities, such as funeral, wedding and baptism ministry, leading worship and preaching, school assemblies (in both Quinton Primary and Brandhall Primary), women’s refuge as well as less frequent involvement in the groups at Queensridge Court and the Coffee Shop.

This last year I have led a START group looking at Christian basics and am just beginning an Alpha Course. As a church we need to keep making sure that people who are seeking to find our about God have a way of doing that. As a team, we have revisiting the baptism policy this year as well, with the aim of making coming into church and staying in church as easy as possible for baptism families. We have tweaked how we do our preparation and have also started the 4o’Clock Service to increase the different “ways into” church. This service is proving popular, with between 50 and 70 coming to each service. There is a really good atmosphere at this service, where it seems God is at work with us in some new and creative ways.

I have been part of a new bi-monthly group at the Coffee Shop where we have been meeting to try and focus on what God's Word says to us as a community reaching out to the people of the Brandhall area.

In May we had "Thy Kingdom Come" events where over the week we had contact with over 500 children and 50 adults as we talked about, learnt about and then practiced what prayer is. This is a national initiative for Archbishop Justin to get churches praying. It certainly helped the people who came to our events and I hope it will again this year when we do it again (May 17&18).

Thanks for all your support and encouragement to me this year and I pray it continues through to next!

Revd Rachel Heathfield

## Christ Church the Quinton Parochial Church Council

### **Secretary's Report for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2018**

Since the APCM on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017, the PCC has met for 6 ordinary meetings in May, July, September, November, January & March. In addition, there have been 3 extraordinary meetings, 2 in April and 1 in June

Average attendance at meetings was 64%

#### **Reports**

Representatives from the sub committees and areas of ministry have reported to the PCC during the year. These have included:-

- Deanery Synod
- the Fabric Committee
- the Mission Links sub committee
- Youth and Children's work
- Finance Committee

Sue Sherwen has also reported during the year on the progress of work on the Old Burial Ground.

Representatives from the sub committees and areas of ministry are invited to submit a report at some time during the year at a time to suit them (giving an opportunity to report on special meetings and events etc.)

In addition to these, other topics of special importance have been discussed. These have included: \_

- Pre-School
- Stay & Play
- Appointment of Administrator
- Church Management System (Church Suite)
- Renewal of Lease on 151 Castle Road West (The Coffee Shop)
- The caretakers house

**Minutes of PCC meetings** are made available to members of the church by being placed on the noticeboard at the back of church after they have been signed by the Chair of the meeting following approval at the following PCC meeting. Due to an oversight by the Secretary, the minutes for the September meeting were not posted until after the January meeting

**Health and Safety:** this is a standing item on each PCC agenda. During the year the Elaine Buchan has been appointed Health & Safety Officer

**Safeguarding:** This is a standing item on each PCC agenda. During the year the Safeguarding policy has been reviewed and updated. The council has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

## **Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council to the Charity Commission**

### **Aim and purposes**

Christ Church Quinton is a congregation of the Church of England, and a lively, friendly group of Christians who are looking to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ and to serve him in our neighbourhood (the parish of Christ Church The Quinton, Birmingham City, Dudley MBC and Sandwell MBC, and the world.

### **Objectives and Activities**

We provide spiritual and pastoral support to all, through the provision of 3 regular Sunday services, a full range of mid-week meetings and a Coffee Shop located in Brandhall.

The Coffee Shop is run by Christ Church and is a centre for service to the community in Brandhall and Quinton. This is a lovely place to come for a coffee and chat, or to get involved in the many activities which take place.

Work with children and young people is a priority at Christ Church and we have a dedicated youth worker. Work with children goes on at various times, not just on Sunday morning.

As a church we want to be there for people at all times of life. However, at key times our church can be involved in a special way, with services for the birth of a child, with weddings and with funerals.

#### **Baptism and Thanksgivings**

We regularly offer baptisms and thanksgiving services. We help families to decide which service is more suitable, and we want to make it an enjoyable and accessible experience

#### **Weddings**

We love performing weddings in our beautiful church. We offer support and guidance through the legalities. We also offer marriage preparation to couples aimed to enrich their relationship before the big day.

#### **Funerals**

We have a team of clergy who regularly take funerals either in church or in crematoria. We work with funeral directors and families to celebrate the life of loved ones and offer Christian hope for the future. We are keen to support families at a difficult time by offering ongoing pastoral support and twice a year we invite bereaved families into church for a memorial service.

### **Worship and Prayer**

We have three services every Sunday.

8.30am Service - A traditional Holy Communion service.

10.30am Service - A lively service with youth and children's activities.

6.30pm Service - On the first and third Sundays of each month we have a quiet, reflective service.

On the second Sunday of each month we have "Let's Talk" which gives an opportunity to discuss topics connected to faith. On the last Sunday of the month we have the IGNITE service, this is an alternative style service with band led worship.

There are regular times of prayer during the week, a monthly Prayer evening and Home Groups that meet for Bible Study and prayer

**Deanery Synod** 4 members of the congregation are elected to attend the regular meetings of the Deanery Synod and provide reports to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

**The Church Hall** As well as hosting Children's activities on a Sunday morning, the church hall is heavily used by the local community. A thriving pre-school uses the hall 3 full days and 2 half days each week. The other 2 afternoons are used for a Stay & Play – a group for parents/carers

and toddlers. Uniformed organisations and other local groups also make use of the hall, and it is also booked for parties and other events.

### **Pastoral Care**

Pastoral care is provided by both the clergy and a team of licensed lay people who have received appropriate training.

**Mission and Evangelism** is supported locally through START and ALPHA courses. We also support mission worldwide through our links with Bishop Peter & Sally Bartlett in Asuncion, Paraguay, and Mark & Lucy Cavell in Kenya.

### **Volunteers**

Many of the church members volunteer their time, both on a Sunday, and throughout the week enabling the activities and mission of the Church.

### **Structure, governance and management**

The method of appointment of PCC members at Christ Church the Quinton is set out in the Church Representation Rules, and consists of the Incumbent & Curates, The Church Wardens, the 2 Readers and 4 Deanery Synod members. Also 12 members elected from the congregation at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

The Parochial Church Council members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The PCC meets every 2 months, and as well as the regular business of the Church (reports from Deanery Synod, Fabric Committee, Mission Links sub-committee, Youth and Children's work, Finance Committee and work on the Old Burial Ground) has also considered Pre-School, Stay & Play, the appointment of Administrator, acquisition and implementation of a Church Management System and the renewal of the lease on 151 Castle Road West (The Coffee Shop). In addition the council has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

### **Membership of the PCC for 2017 has been as follows:**

Rev. Dr. Jenny Arnold – Incumbent

Rev. Andrew Wells – Curate

Rev. Rachel Heathfield – Curate

Boliver Forrest – Church Warden

John Trevor – Church Warden

Bob Iles – Deanery Synod

Iris Downey – Deanery Synod

John Trevor – Deanery Synod

Peter Sherwen – Deanery Synod

Chris Iles – Reader

Heather Williams – Reader

Richard Brice

David Homer

Sue Strong

Elaine Buchan (suspended as employed by PCC as Church Administrator)

Terri Bruce

Pauline Neason  
Emily West  
Agnes Lownes

**Until April 2017**

David Gallivan  
Sue Hamilton  
Bev Lewis  
Wendy Trevor

**From April 2017**

Jo Kilminster  
Lisa Moody  
Doreen Morris  
Jo White

**Administrative information**

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**Figures for the year are as follows:**

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Baptisms	16	24	19	15	24
Thanksgivings	3	0	0	2	0
Confirmations	3	6	5	11	4
Weddings	2	8	8	11	8
Funerals:					
a) in church	29	20	31	31	36
b) in cemeteries/crems	11	16	14	15	8
Av. Sunday attendance	185	152	150	136	135
Easter					
Communicants	191	194	194	180	163/31
Christmas					
Communicants	128	128	116	202	146

**Edgbaston Deanery Synod Report**

**June 2017: Meeting held at St Germain's church.**

Rev. Priscilla White announced that she was stepping down as Area Dean and the Rev. Nick Tucker from Edgbaston Old Church was to be appointed to that position.

Carol Dealey gave a report from the Dioscen Synod. She stated that the main topic had been the Transforming Church conference.

Two reps from the General Synod reported that the Renewal and Reform Programme is progressing with an overall aim being to have more regulation and less legislation and this will include safeguarding regulation being put into place. The General Synod also had had



a human sexuality debate but no conclusions were made as there were many different opinions.

### **Safeguarding: talk by Claire Wesley**

This looked at various issues:

What is safeguarding?

The legislation that came in on 1st March 2017 relating to clergy discipline measures

How to promote a safer church

Sharing information

Safeguarding Co-ordinators and PCC leads

Safe recruitment

Training expectations

### **November 29th: Meeting held at St Bartholomew's church**

Lay Chair, Jonathan Goll, reported back from the Diocesan Synod.

He said there were 2 main topics discussed:

The Diocese has appointed a Dementia Focal Point.

### **People and Places.**

The latter was the major point of discussion and has come about due to a long-term financial shortfall. As a result, the Diocese intends to undertake a significant re-organisation. Proposals are yet to be finalised. It was proposed that at the next Deanery Synod meeting in March 2018, Andrew Halstead [Diocese Secretary] be invited to attend to give members more information about these changes.

### **Spotlight of the meeting: Bolivia.**

Speaker: Bishop Maurice Sinclair

He presented a very interesting and informative talk that illustrated the work being undertaken by the Anglican church in Bolivia that began almost 10 years ago. Although this work began on a small scale the church community has now grown to 5 congregations in 4 cities.

The Deanery Synod meeting planned for **1st March 2018** was cancelled due to poor weather conditions and will be re-arranged at some future date.



## Church Group Reports

### **The Christ Church Quinton Pre-School Report for the year ending 31 March 2018**

The pre-school has undergone a period of significant change with new staff and Trustees, alongside the change in Government funding policy for pre-schools.

We aim to offer a range of activities designed to encourage the development, learning, and self-awareness of pre-school aged children. by offering a first class pre-school experience through the provision, by qualified staff, of a balanced programme and range of activities such as arts, crafts, free play, sports, games, story time and visits.

We have recruited new Trustees, successfully managed the transition to a new management structure, worked to maintain the preschools' outstanding Ofsted status within the context of a culture of continuous service improvement, increased the numbers attending our pre-school and worked to ensure financial sustainability

Numbers of children for the autumn term were very low, resulting in a significant drop in income. Numbers have increased over the term and we are now full on 3 days of the week. Only being able to open for half days on the other 2 days of the week results in lower numbers on these days. For the financial sustainability of pre-school, it is imperative that we explore ways of opening for 5 full days per week

We are building links both with the Church, through regular sessions provided by Clergy and Readers, links with the school (to benefit children with the transition to primary school and staff through possible joint training). Also Pre-school is part of the Birmingham City Council / NHS Startwell Campaign where we promote everything to do with health eg. healthy eating and physical activity, but further community links would be good

The Trustees intend to continue their current strategies of maintaining the Pre-School's position in a competitive market by investing in the staff and maintaining the current OFSTED "outstanding" status. The significant challenge remains only opening for mornings on Monday and Wednesday, resulting in lower numbers for those days. The income from opening for the additional 2 afternoons with full numbers would ensure that the pre-school achieves financial sustainability

If you want to know any more about pre-school, please speak to one of the Trustees

Bob Iles (Chair)  
Rev. Jenny Arnold  
Richard Brice

## Christ Church Monday Club

Leaders – Stella Woolvin, Shanie Reynolds, Emma Legg, Dolly Jalal, Melrose Brown, Phil Arnold.

The club for children and young people in school years 5 – 8 meets in the Parish Hall from 7.00pm to 8.30pm on Mondays during school term time.

We enjoyed our usual activities during the year, team games, skittles, football, snooker, and crafts. During the summer term we went outside and had a sports night, treasure hunt and BBQ. We celebrated Candlemas, Easter, and Christmas. During the autumn term we thought about the senses of sight, hearing, tasting and touch, finishing with our annual McDonalds night. We have had a go at junk modelling, painting and board games and of course we cannot forget chocolate, pancake and pizza nights.

If you know of anyone in this age group who like to join us please have a word with one of the leaders.

## Stay and Play

Co-ordinator – Stella Woolvin

This group for children aged 0 – 4 and their parents or carers meets in the Parish Hall from 1.30pm – 3.00pm on Mondays and Wednesdays during school term time. Our sessions are well attended and give our church volunteers the opportunity to meet and talk with some of the families who live in our community.

We have a good selection of equipment and toys and each week provide a craft activity and we finish the session with a singing time. When the weather is suitable Pre School kindly allow us the use of their outdoor play area. The children enjoyed our annual Easter party with a treasure hunt and the Christmas party when Father Christmas visited us. A big thank you to all the volunteers who help in so many different ways.

## Ladies Evening Guild

Chair lady – Stella Woolvin

The Guild continues to meet on the first Thursday of each month and celebrated its 61<sup>st</sup> birthday with lunch at Halesowen Golf Club. At our monthly meetings we have heard about the Cadbury heiress who gave away her fortune, Great Ormond Street hospital, Grand Central Station, held a Music quiz, a Beetle Drive and spent an enjoyable evening with Adrian Holmes, Sandwells Town Crier. During the year we held our annual Lent and Advent services, enjoyed Afternoon Tea prepared by the committee and had lunch at The Stag. In June we made a visit to the newly refurbished Lightwoods House and given a guided tour and were able to view all of the house before it was open to the public (sadly the restaurant had not yet opened).

Our Fund raising evening in June was well supported and that together with other money raising activities enabled us to pay for several jobs in Church, the painting of the outside windows, porch, vestries and toilets, work to repair some leading on windows and 2 new door mats. We also gave donations of £100 each to four local charities. New members are always welcome. Details of our meetings are in the pew sheet.

## **Junior Church**

Co-ordinator: Rachel Heathfield

We have had a year of “stream-lining” our Sunday ministry with children. We are in a time in our history and culture where life has changed and the every-week attendance of children to church is rare. Therefore we have been finding that making our ministry with them either feast or famine! However, our desire to teach them and grow in them a love of God does not change and we continue to work with a hardy and flexible and capable bunch of volunteers!

A major decision has been to only have one group meet in the hall as the building does not suit meeting in smaller groups. This has meant that sessions deal with a wide age range, but it also means that the group learn to listen and care for one another. We have restarted a crèche type group for the very youngest children and we are calling that “Tiddlywinks”.

A huge thank you to all involved in this vital and valuable ministry. Please encourage and support our team and possibly consider whether you might be able to offer support in a regular way.

## **Rock Solid**

Co-ordinator – Phil Arnold

Rock Solid happens every Sunday morning (except all age services). We have been getting between 4 and 8 young people each week and meet in Jenny’s living room. We use a YFC resource called Rock Solid which provides lots of games and activities which can then be used to link and emphasise a morale or teaching from the Bible. Over the last year we have seen a core group of 4/5 young people who come to most weeks and have tried to integrate the older members of the group into Quinton Youth for Christ activities such as UNITE.

A number of the group also went to Treginnis camp last summer where we spent the week exploring different passages from the Bible and took part in many activities from a local theme park to swimming in the sea. It was a busy but fun week and was a good opportunity for the young people to do something different and get to know each other and leaders better.

## **Café Church**

Co-ordinator – Phil Arnold

Café Church over the last year has seen some impressive growth. This time last year we had an average attendance of 3 young people. In the last few months we have seen this grow to having between 7 and 9 young people attend each week and in March 2018 we led an evening service which was planned by the young people and have organised to do another evening service in the next few months.

In the last year we have also joined with the St Boniface young people house groups which has seen some of the young people from Café Church attending midweek house groups. I

help lead one of the house groups which currently has most Christ Church members. During the spring term we brought the house groups together to run a Youth Alpha. This again was joint with St Boniface and saw 5 sessions take place at both St Boniface and Christ Church. We had an average attendance of 20 young people and it is from the relationships built at Youth Alpha that has led to a growth in Café Church attendance. Those that weren't already in a house group before Youth Alpha will now be invited to the house group of their respective ages.

Last Summer we had 2 of the older members of Café church be Junior Leaders at the Treginnis camp and will be doing so again this year. We also had 1 young person go to Soul Survivor which is a Christian Camp where they attend morning and evening worship with talks and throughout the day there is seminars and various activities for them to choose from. Overall a very good year for Café Church.

## **Lay Pastoral Ministry Team**

Co-ordinator : Iris Downey

### **Infant Baptism:**

A new system of seeing children's parents/carers has been devised. Enquirers are invited to look at the churchsuite and, from there, they can choose a date for a baptism tea to which they will be invited. If baptism is then desired, rather than a Thanksgiving service, they can select a date for a rehearsal in church that will lead to the baptism.

### **Home and Hospital Visiting:**

The team continues to make home and hospital visits for church members, as and when required. In addition, the work being undertaken with the elderly in our community has led to a growing number of home and hospital visits being made as individuals become ill or increasingly frail. We must, however, not forget, that without the support of others within our church who also visit those who are ill, it is likely that some individuals could be overlooked, and, therefore, we would like to thank you for your on-going commitment to those in need.

### **Bereavement Support:**

The team is available to anyone who has been bereaved and will offer support if requested. The two Memorial Services offer a very valuable forum for those who have experienced loss, and although most of those who attend are non-church goers, the need for such services is evident by the large numbers that attend. Feedback indicates how much they appreciate the time to reflect on their loved ones and later have someone to whom they can talk about their loss.

Bereavement support is also offered to those who attend the Wednesday and Thursday Groups who simply look for "a shoulder to cry on" when faced with the loss of a partner of many years, a sibling or a child.

### **Home Communion:**

Regular visits are made to offer Holy Communion to those unable to attend church through illness or frailty. In addition, Andrew Wells, accompanied by members of the team, take Communion on a monthly basis to two residential establishments. Feedback informs us that the opportunity to remain part of Christ's family through these services is greatly appreciated.

### **Individual Support:**

We all experience difficulties in our lives and benefit from having someone in whom we can confide. The team is able to offer a listening ear to any who are despairing and seeking support. Direct contact can be made to any of the team or by contacting Iris Downey on 07821778066

Team Members:

John Trevor

Pamela Horton

Iris Downey

Jane Browne

Vicki Johnson

Brenda Grosvenor [to be commissioned later this year]

## **Home Groups**

Co-ordinator: Beverley Heritage

There are currently 9 Homegroups at Christ Church The Quinton, which are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month. There are also weekly and days groups. The format of each group varies, but all include prayers, worship, sharing and teaching; the teaching materials are generated from the Sunday morning services. This is emailed to the Co-ordinator, who emails out this out to the Homegroup Leaders.

For further information on Homegroups, contact Beverley Heritage

## “Old Burial Ground” Report to Christ Church APCM April 29<sup>th</sup> 2018

Coordinator : Susan J Sherwen

Maintenance work has continued throughout most of the year by church members, both on weekdays and as part of Saturday “Helping Hands” sessions. **The number of people involved is relatively small and we would love to be joined by more.**

**The results of all this hard work have been very encouraging:**

- A wonderful display of flowers, starting with primroses and followed by daffodils, English bluebells, violets, foxgloves, red campion and other hedgerow plants. The annual “Eyes on the Ground” survey conducted by the Wildlife Trust in June found over 20 different species of meadow plants with 7 varieties of grasses. The ratio of plants to grasses has also increased, indicating the meadow is developing well.
- Photos of some of these plants were displayed on the Birmingham diocese Facebook page as part of the Eco-diocese initiative.
- Church members, leaders of our uniformed organisations and pupils from Quinton Church Primary School have visited the OBG on several occasions. As well as the plants, they have enjoyed seeing a number of different birds, bees and butterflies, some stripy caterpillars and also heard grasshoppers. These are all a further indication that the OBG is an increasingly bio-diverse area.
- Advice and support from the Wildlife Trust has continued to be a huge help, especially the cutting of the meadow area in July. **However, it is possible that the church will have to arrange and pay professional gardeners for cutting it in 2018.**
- Some of the paving slabs on the upper path have been re-laid and some more put in. **I would like to complete this path in 2018 and also pave the path alongside the Primrose Bank at the bottom end.**

I would like to thank all those who have worked in the OBG during the past year. The interest and support from members of Christ Church is also a great encouragement.



## Mission Links Committee report to APCM 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Co-ordinator: Peter Sherwen

**The Mission Links Committee** meets three times a year. Our role is to support the missions and mission partners at home and abroad with whom we are linked and to raise awareness at Christ Church about them. We do this by having input in services, arranging for speakers and organising opportunities to meet our mission partners when possible. We make recommendations to the PCC about financial support. The PCC gives 10% of the Church's ordinary income to Mission. We produce a Mission Links News Letter and have a Mission Links Notice Board to raise awareness and keep people informed. The members are Peter and Sue Sherwen, Pam Horton, Vicki Johnson, Sharon Brice, Mike Shenton and Jenny Arnold.

**Revd. Peter and Sally Bartlett (Church Mission Society).** We support the Anglican Church in Paraguay through CMS. Bishop Peter Bartlett and his wife Sally are our links. Peter and Sally visited Christ Church in January 2018. They spoke about their work during the 10.30 service and joined 10 others for a buffet lunch at the home of Peter and Sue Sherwen. Sue and Peter attended 'Adelante' the CMS Latin American conference in April 2017, at CMS HQ in Oxford. **This year's 'Adelante' conference is at St Stephen's Selly Park on Friday evening 13th and Saturday 14th April.** Details on the notice board or see Pete and Sue

**Esperanza.** We support the Esperanza Foster Home in Asuncion also in Paraguay. This was established by Penny and Murray Metcalfe who were our link missionaries before Peter and Sally. Sue and Peter Sherwen are our links with them.

**Malawi.** The Diocese of Birmingham has a link with the Anglican Church in Malawi which we support financially. We also supported the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary appeal to provide accommodation blocks for girls at the secondary school.

**Christian Solidarity Worldwide.** CSW is an advocacy group who campaign on behalf of Christians who are suffering persecution. The visit from a representative of Christian Solidarity Worldwide in November was well received. **CSW are holding an event called "Pursue Justice Live" at Elim Pentecostal Church, Selly Oak on Saturday 16th June.** Information is on the notice board.

**A ROCHA.** (The Rock in Portuguese) Colin and Roni Jackson run a field study centre in Kenya which is part of A Rocha (Christians in Conservation). Colin and Roni have a little boy called Kai.

**Quinton Youth for Christ.** At Christ Church we support Q. Y. f. C. Danni Knox (director) and Rob Canning regularly visited Christ Church to give us up dates on their work. Dani has now left Q.Y.f.C. Ben, the new Director will take up the post after Easter.

Check out their web site for more details: [www.quintonyfc.co.uk](http://www.quintonyfc.co.uk) Phil Arnold is working part time with Q.Y.f.C. and at Christ Church, using office space at the café.

**Arif and Meike Anees** We were very pleased when Arif was accepted for training for the Anglican Ministry. The family are at Queen's College in Edgbaston. Arif is in his final year and expects to serve his Curacy at St. Paul's Black Heath, starting in June.

### **Mark and Lucy Cavell working with 'Hope is Greater'**

We were very pleased that Mark and Lucy Cavell were able to visit us last year in July. We had a shared lunch after the 10.30 service. They spoke about their work with the Kenyan Children's Project. They post regular updates on Facebook and on their website: [www.hopeisgreater.co.uk](http://www.hopeisgreater.co.uk) Sharron and Richard Brice have been visiting them in Kenya and are also on a short term mission. We hope to hear all about it on their return.

**Adrian and Pat Prescott** left us in 2016. Capt. Ade is now working with **The Church Army** in the

**Torbay Centre of Mission** on Church planting. Christ Church is supporting the Torbay Centre of Mission financially to support Adrian's work.

## **Mozaik**

Co-ordinator: Colin Darling

At Mozaik we continue to meet and support one another in a fresh expression of the Christian faith, with discussion and prayer prompted by news, documentaries, and our own spiritual reading. We continue to 'walk and talk' together and with others. We have enjoyed more visits to Glasshampton Monastery for silence and contemplation. Although we remain small (three core members), we are content with this size as in the last year further challenges have hit our families and friends through illness, bereavement and major job changes. We have continued to support others wherever we can and connect outward through arts and social groups in the community. We are exploring more outward looking events in the year to April 2019 including visits and discussions connected to public events. possibly such as the University of Birmingham Art and Science Festival (superb in 2018) and other talks in public space. If any events throughout the year are suitable for others to attend we will let Revd Jenny Arnold know.

## **Fabric report to APCM**

Co-ordinator: Peter Sherwen

### **Church**

Repairs have been carried out to slipped slates on the Church roof, some of the ridge tiles have been re-mortared and the high level gutters have been cleaned. The lightning conductors have been inspected. Thanks go to the Ladies' Evening Guild who raised funds and arranged for the painting of all the white wooden windows in church and replacement of the door mats. The low level gutters were cleaned and painted as well. One of the stained glass windows on the north side has been repaired and another one is due to be repaired after Easter. A small leaded window on the south side has been replaced following an attempted break in. The outside notice board was blown down in February 2017 by "Storm Doris" and was replaced in time for Christmas. The toilet areas have been re-decorated by volunteers. 2017 saw the latest Quinquennial (5 yrs.) Survey by the Architect. We are well on the way to completing many of the items listed. However, some items such as the windows and stone work are very expensive. Generally speaking, the Church is in good repair but it does need internal redecoration, some of which we can do ourselves if we have volunteers.

### **Portable Appliance Testing, Electrical inspection and Fire Safety, Alarms.**

Portable appliance testing has been carried out in the Church and Hall and there has been a follow up visual check on items in regular use. We had an electrical inspection of the Church and Hall. Some minor faults were detected and rectified. The annual Fire Safety survey has been carried out. Please take note of the information on fire safety in the Church and hall. The fire extinguishers in Church and Hall have been serviced. Some people are having difficulty with the key pads for the alarms. We have been advised that they need replacing. (We have a quote of £550 each +VAT)

### **Hall.**

Some plaster which had come off the outside wall was repaired. Three heaters have had to be replaced and a new heater has been installed in the kitchen. One of the ceiling lights has been replaced also the entrance light outside the porch. The immersion heater in the hot water boiler for the toilets has been replaced. There are still some issues with the water supply to the sinks that need to be resolved. The 'Saniflo' toilet in the accessible toilet is due to be serviced. We have been advised that it needs replacing. (It gets damaged when 'inappropriate' items are flushed away. A call out to repair it costs £100 approx. +VAT., replacement about £500 +VAT)

### **Churchyard.**

We have trimmed back some of the self-seeded shrubs and saplings in the churchyard and trimmed the bushes at the corner near Hagley Road. Thanks go to a church member who designed and made a concrete bench which is near the south door. The light on the pole on the drive has been replaced.

### **Drive and car parks.**

The surface of the first car park is wearing and there are holes in the drive between the Churchyard wall and school fence. These have been filled but this is only a temporary fix.

### **Fabric team.**

I am very grateful that several people help with the fabric work, especially when we have "Helping Hands". They have helped with a number of tasks around our buildings and grounds.

### **Helping Hands.**

Helping Hands is a group that meets on the first Saturday in the month to clean the Church and do various other tasks such as changing light bulbs, tidying the Church grounds, helping with outside tasks, the hall and Old Burial Ground. They meet for breakfast, about 9.15/9.30 have a short time of worship and then get to work. All are welcome, the more people we have, the more gets done!

### **Thanks.**

There are groups and individuals that also clean and do other jobs around the site. Our thanks go to all who help with maintaining our Church, Parish Hall, Old Burial Ground and grounds.

## **172<sup>nd</sup> Birmingham, Guides**

Co-ordinator: Anne McGibbon

We've had a very busy year, with lots of activities both in and outside of the unit. Weekly we have enjoyed working on different challenges. We took part in a Beauty and the Beast challenge and went to see the film along with everyone else from Edgbaston Division. We managed to fill the IMAX screen at the Odeon Cinema, Five Ways Birmingham.

We camped along with Sandon Road Methodist Church Guides for a weekend in September and set the Guides challenged based on "I'm a Celebrity, get me out of here". The girls also learned to cook on open fires, put tents up and build pioneering

The Guides visited the Boing Zone for an evening, where they enjoyed the trampoline park to its full extent.

We asked the Brownies to join us for a summer BBQ and also Christmas Crafts so they get chance to meet us in readiness for them to join us when they finish.

We held a Loch Ness Monster competition for St Andrews Day, where the hall were filled with life-size monsters and baked some Christmas goodies to end the year.

We have celebrated the 100 year anniversary of women getting the vote this year, by holding our own elections, designing stained glass windows as well as joining in with the rest of Edgbaston Division's Guides by holding a sleepover and doing activities based on Inspirational Women such as the Bake Offs Nadiya Hussain, Ellen MacArthur, The Bletchley Park Code Breakers and JK Rowling.

We currently have spaces for Guides and even if you know someone that may have been a Rainbow or a Brownie and didn't continue with those, they can still try an evening with us. They would be more than welcome to visit us on Thursday evening from 7.30pm to 9pm

The team: Anne, Liz, Toni, Judy, Alyssa and Lucy

## **172<sup>nd</sup> Birmingham Brownies**

Co-ordinator: Janet Nunn, Assistant Leader

2017 has been a fun pack year in the 172<sup>nd</sup> Brownies!

Our Spring Community Challenge was Marvellous Mayhem in aid of Marie Curie and included making Pea Shooters, Puppets and Apple Strudel and for Easter we all had lots of fun making Rabbit Droppings and Bird's nests !

Trips out were a Girlguiding only Screening of Beauty and the Beast and a visit to London taking in the sights and the Show Matilda then staying the night at one of our World Centres Pax Lodge. Also We had a Sleep over at the Thinktank

Our Autumn Term we explore our way through some new Programme activities, Team Building Games, Hibernation, Diva Making with clay, Rangoli Sand patterns and started the Seasons Badge.

Congratulations goes to Steph Harrison who has just qualified as an Assistant Leader. Well done!

### **172<sup>nd</sup> Rainbows**

Co-ordinator: Janice Barnett

An Australia challenge badge included lots of craft, food and games and a yoga session. The Get Messy challenge proved great fun and included water balloon piñata. Rainbows certainly enjoyed the outdoors dressed in waterproofs and wellies, popping balloons filled with water, and blowing bubbles. We also did a scavenger hunt and made fairy gardens outside for this badge. The Rainbows took the fire safety challenge very seriously but sadly our trips to the fire station were cancelled. We joined in with the County Camp fire event which the girls loved at the campsite, on a very hot day. The division 30<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration was enjoyed by many girls. Our visitors have led a drumming evening and circus skills. 2 Rainbows were asked to talk at the County AGM and were both very brave in front of 200 people.

172<sup>nd</sup> Rainbows celebrated 25 years as a unit on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017 with tea, cake and Bhangra

### **35<sup>th</sup> Rainbows**

Co-ordinator: Becky Thomson

We've had loads of fun at 35<sup>th</sup> Birmingham Rainbows this year! Inspired by our cinema trip to see 'Beauty and the Beast', we completed the 'Tale as Old as Time' challenge badge. We made Trolls hats for the 'Cupcakes and Rainbows' badge, and some fairies set us a magical trail when we did the 'Fairy' badge. We learned about Australia badge by making didgeridoos and painting boomerangs, and about the seasons – the best bit was when we had an indoor snowball fight!

We celebrated World Thinking Day this year by learning about the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) and their World Centres by completing the WAGGGS Thinking Day 2018 badge. We're looking forward to the new Guiding program coming soon, so we tried out some of the taster activities, including tying our shoelaces and karate tennis!

We celebrated Rainbow's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday twice in 2017! We went to the Sealife Centre and slept-over at Girlguiding Birmingham's headquarters, Trefoil House, and we went to a birthday party with a very special cake and disco! We also enjoyed 2018's Edgbaston Division Rainbow and Brownie Fun Day, learning about inspirational women, from writers and nurses to explorers and athletes. We also had a very special Mother's Day event, where our mummies joined us for an evening of pampering!

### **35<sup>th</sup> Brownies**

Co-ordinator: Sharron Brice

We've had a great year at 35<sup>th</sup> Birmingham Brownies! We completed the 'Tale as Old as Time' badge after seeing 'Beauty and the Beast' at the cinema. We had great fun doing the 'Friends to Animals' badge – we had an information session Pets At Home and got to hold rabbits, guinea pigs and even a snake! We also visited Dudley Zoo and had a sleepover back at the church hall afterwards.

We've learned about eating healthily and keeping fit doing the 'Healthy Heart' badge and how to stay safe from the 'Fire Safety' badge. Some of us brought in their mum's old Brownie sashes when we were doing the 'Brownie Traditions' badge – one girl even dressed up in her mum's old Brownie uniform! We've learned about Guiding around the world by doing the 'World Guiding' badge and celebrating World Thinking Day by completing the WAGGGS 2018 Thinking Day badge.

The older girls have certainly been doing their best this year, working on the 'World Cultures' badge, preparing for Guides by working on the 'Brownie Go For It' badge, and by attending a 'Learning to Lead' workshop on how to be great Sixers and Seconders!

We had great fun at 2018's Edgbaston Division Rainbow and Brownie Fun Day – we learned how women got the vote 100 years ago, and built structures with real-life female engineers!





## **The Coffee Shop Management Committee Report 2017**

In 2017 the management committee met 4 times (February, April, June, and September).

At the APCM in April 2017 the 3 year term of management committee members finished and there was an election for members of the management committee for the term 2017 – 2020. At this meeting Geoff Horton stood down as Treasurer and we are very grateful for his dedicated hard work for the Coffee Shop over many years, and also his willingness to keep going to oversee the transition of bank accounts – see below. Barbara Burke, John Trevor, Sue Strong and John Todd were re-elected for the next 3 year term and also elected were Jane Browne and Manny Grewal. Jenny Arnold remains ex-officio as Rector.

Over the year we consolidated the bank accounts. The Paul and Barny's no. 2 account is now wholly designated for the Children in Need grant. Lynn Todd and Rachel Heathfield continue to monitor this grant and report back to Children in Need. The Paul and Barny's no. 1 account had been used for the day to day running costs of the shop and for receiving other grants, but this account has now been closed and the money transferred to the general Christ Church account in recognition that The Coffee Shop is an integral part of the mission and ministry of Christ Church. Any grants received for the running of the Coffee Shop and specific projects that are run by the Coffee Shop, are itemised in the church accounts and John Todd both applies for grants and monitors their spending.

Between the end of 2016 and 2017 (excluding C in N): there were 28 applications for grants totalling £49k, (excluding the C in N grant which is managed separately see above). £9k of grants were received - see list below and there are some applications still pending.

Alfred Haines £1k, George Henry Collins £1k, Richard Cadbury £500, Baron Davenport £500, Souter Charitable Trust £2k, WakehamTrust £1k, Heart of England £1k, Harborne Parish Lands £2k. We are very grateful to our funders who recognise the valuable work done by The Coffee Shop in the community.

At each management committee meeting we review the use of the building and the different projects that are held within the Coffee Shop including the Foodbank, Knit and Knatter, and the Wednesday afternoon group or are an outreach from The Coffee Shop including the work with children at the Women's Refuge which is funded by Children in Need, the Thursday group at Queensridge and the walking group. There are separate reports from some of these groups in this annual report.

Also over the year specific issues have been addressed - the need for a downstairs disabled toilet, the renewal of the lease, practical issues around heating, shop alarm, promotion of activities and services offered.

There have been several meetings of "First Friday" as a forum to discuss any issue that volunteers want to raise, to discuss ideas for future direction and also to pray for The Coffee Shop.

There have been no safeguarding incidents reported over the year.

Finally – a huge “Thank you” to all our volunteers who make the running of The Coffee Shop possible. If you would like to volunteer or find out more about the mission and ministry of the Coffee Shop then do speak with John Trevor.

Jenny Arnold, Chair of Management Committee

### **Foodbank**

Co-ordinator: Carol Dealey

The Food Bank team are indebted to both Christ Church the Quinton and St Boniface churches for their on-going support for us. We continue to see great need amongst our clients and their families as we endeavour to both provide them with their immediate food needs and point them to where they may get further help. So far, since April 1<sup>st</sup> we have provided food for 1,195 adults and children.

We are very grateful for the provision of food from many of the churches in Edgbaston Deanery, many local schools, other faith groups and members of the public who just turn up with donations.

This year we have been able to refurbish the Garden Room at the Coffee Shop. It has been redecorated, had new flooring and shelving. All the work was done within a week thanks to the hard work of our volunteers. It is now a much more efficient place to work. It is proposed that we do the same in ‘The Cupboard’ at St Boniface and our two storage units in the coming year. Given the large number of donations that we have been receiving it is important that we store them more efficiently.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the work done by all the volunteers, many from the congregations of the two churches. They are a very dedicated and hardworking team and it is a pleasure to work with them.

### **OUR WORK AT THE WOMENS’ REFUGE**

Co-ordinator : Lynn Todd

A small group of dedicated volunteers from Christ Church led by Rachel and Lynn do a weekly session with children of mothers who have escaped abusive and/or violent situations at home. Our sessions are on Tuesday afternoons straight after school except during school holidays when we run the sessions earlier in the afternoon. Average attendance by children over the past 12 months has been between 8 to 14 children aged between 4 years and 15 years. The sessions have become more challenging over the past year as some families have been stuck in the refuge unable to find suitable housing. This

has resulted in unacceptable behaviour at times, but we work with the children to try to remedy this.

We have been blessed over the past 12 months to have again received a grant from Children in Need which covers all costs involved in providing art and craft activities along with games. The grant has also enabled us to buy Easter Eggs and Christmas presents and provide a Christmas Party within which we had a short nativity play. The generosity of members of Christ Church also enabled us to give each mother in the “Sandwell Women’s Aid places of Refuge” with a Spa Bag each for Christmas. The mothers were very appreciative of this.

In the past 6 months Rachel and Lynn have been able to develop closer relationships with the staff at the Refuge, for which we are most grateful.

As to the future of our work in the Refuge, we have applied for a grant to continue our work, and if successful, this will now be for 3 years rather than the one year grants of previous years.

### **Reaching the Elderly in the Parish**

Co-ordinators: John Trevor and Iris Downey

As part of Christ Church commitment to reach out to the community, a Group for older people was launched over 3 years ago at Paul & Barny's Coffee Shop. The success of this Group led to a second being replicated at Queensridge Court about 2 years ago.

Both Groups are well-attended by members aged 55+, although many are over 90 years old. They may be frail, lonely, isolated from family and friends, or be living with dementia.

The Groups meet on a weekly basis throughout the year and enjoy a variety of activities which include games; quizzes; going out for meals; trips to places of interest as well as celebrating birthdays. During the year they also celebrate Easter, Christmas and Harvest festivals to which members of the clergy are invited.

The most important aspect of these groups however, is the opportunity for the members to talk and be listened to. Their own stories inform us of the very valuable contribution they have made to the community in which we live.

The Groups rely heavily on a team of volunteers, all who give their time and commitment every week to ensure each elderly person can enjoy a few hours of fun and know they are valued.

## **Home Group for those living with dementia**

Co-ordinator : Iris Downey

Spiritual support for those living with dementia is an important factor for the reassurance that they are not abandoned by the church or by God.

Consequently, a Home Group for those living with dementia was initiated in September last year, led by Andrew Wells and Iris Downey. It is known as AMARIS which means God has promised; His promise being that He will never leave us or forsake us.

This Home Group is held at Queensridge Court on a fortnightly basis.

Those who attend, and numbers vary from just 4 to 8, readily join in with well-remembered hymns, psalms and prayers. They listen intently to what is being said but are also very likely to begin a conversation on something totally different. Nevertheless, they value the time at the group and the monthly Holy Communion service led by Andrew.

**Independent Examiner's report to the PCC of Christ Church The Quinton  
for the year ended 31st December 2017**

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2017 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

**Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner**

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of Section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Basis of this report**

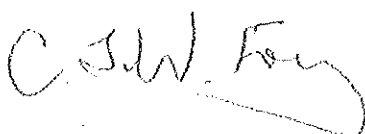
My examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention giving me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect that either

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act;
- or
- the accounts do not accord with these records.

I have no concerns, and I have not come across any other matters to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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28 March 2018



**Christ Church The Quinton**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2017**

<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Parish Hall Building & Fixtures	90,000	90,000
Freehold Title	9,000	9,000
CCLA Endowment Trust	25,824	26,087
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>124,824</b>	<b>125,087</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
CAF Bank current account	11,695	20,481
HSBC P&B No 1	159	1,603
HSBC P&B No 2	1,507	2,576
CCLA Deposit account	43,617	42,479
Foodbank bank account	5,061	
Cash floats	520	520
Foodbank petty cash	86	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>62,645</b>	<b>67,659</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Represented by the following Funds:-</b>		
Unrestricted - General	150,965	154,580
Designated - Weekend Away	-3,140	0
Designated - Old Burial Ground	321	335
Designated - Mozaik	2,609	5,585
Restricted - Memorial Gardens Upkeep	5,743	6,159
Restricted - Foodbank	5,147	0
Endowment - Edna Hopewell Trust	25,824	26,087
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>187,469</b>	<b>192,746</b>

Signed on behalf of the PCC on 22nd March 2018

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 Revd. Dr. A Arnold

## Notes to the accounts

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, using the Receipts and Payments basis.

2. No member of the PCC received any payment for being a member of the PCC.

3. Two insurance claims were made: replacement notice board, and window repair after attempted break-in.

4. Receipts from Church Activities includes:-Hothorpe deposits received, PCC fees for weddings and funerals,Sunday tea &coffee receipts, bookstall sales, sale of Old Burial Ground edgings.

5. Church Running costs includes:- Payments to Hothorpe Hall,Quinton Care Fund,memorial book inscription,Childrens & Youth work,worship resources, insurance & utility bills,telecoms,stationery,maintenance, bookstall purchases.

6.Coffee Shop details:-

<b>Receipts</b>		<b>Payments</b>	
Shop Till takings	4349	Insurance	424
Rent received	820	Rent & Rates	7202
Gift aided Planned giving	250	Kitchen costs	1327
Gift aid recovered	75	Utilities	2372
Donations	1732	Maintenance	3392
General grants	6000	Refuse costs	301
Children In Need grant	4911	Legal fees	1187
	<b>18137</b>	On-site projects	476
		Child In Need grant activities	4131
			<b>20812</b>

7. Grants received from Children in Need, Souter Charitable Trust, The Wakeham Trust, Comic Relief and Harborne Parish Lands Charity.

8. The Parish Hall has been included in the Fixed Assets since 2014, based on the original valuation.

9. The Freehold Title relates to a property in B68, based on the 2014 valuation.

10. Endowment Funds. This provides an income to maintain the Memorial Garden at the front of church. The capital sum will remain unavailable until 2087. The fund is revalued bi-annually by CCLA. At 31/12/17 the value had reduced by £263 since last year.

11.Fund transfers.From Mozaik to Away Weekend fund £1000.From Mozaik to General Fund £1000.

12. Debtors and creditors are not included in Receipts and Payments accounting, but we were owed £4705 for Hall Rent. We had an invoice in dispute for £426.

13. Claims for Gift Aid for Quarters 3 and 4 had not been submitted on 31/12/17 but have since been received.

14. The debit balance on the Weekend Away fund is because bookings are still being processed and payments collected. No other payments to Hothorpe Hall were due as at 31/12/18

15. Foodbank accounts have been included for the first time this year. No comparative figures for last year are available.