

Churches Together in Headington

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 12th May at Lime Walk Methodist Church - 7.30 p.m

Present: Rosemary Davies (Chair, Lime Walk Methodist Church), Eric Bossward, Chaka Artwell and Bob Nind (St Mary's, Barton), Margaret Partridge (Corpus Christi), Wendy Slaymaker (LimeWalk Methodist Church), So Yeun Park (St Clement's), Ian Alexander and James Stickings (Holy Trinity), Eve Vause (All Saints), Darren McFarland (St Andrew's) Philip Bonnier (Collinwood Road URC), A Harrap (Visitor), Bridget Walker (Secretary and Headington Quaker Meeting)

Apologies for Absence: James Bloice Smith (Headington Baptist Church), Mervyn Tower (Corpus Christi), Sara Hall (Lime Walk Methodist Church), Anne Durham (Headington Quaker Meeting), Jim Cocke (All Saints), Christine Tucker (Treasurer)

Devotions The chair led the devotions , speaking of Pentecost and the work of the Spirit, and quoting from the journal of John Wesley .

Minutes The minutes of the AGM held on 6th May 2015 were approved

Chair's Report (see the attached report). It had been a busy year with many activities.

Treasurer's report (see attached report). The previous treasurer, Jean Warman, had moved to Bicester. Christine Tucker, who had replaced her, was unable to attend because she is caring for her mother in Hove.

It was **proposed** to use the website www.easyfundraising.org.uk for the Funday.

Proposed: Eric Bossward , **seconded** Chaka Artwell, and **carried** by 7 votes with 4 abstentions.

Website update There have been 283 visits to the website since the January report. 78% of these are new. We were reminded to pass on to Christine, the website manager, information about church activities which would be publicised on the website.

Election of Officers

Christine Tucker and Bridget Walker were confirmed in the posts of Treasurer and Secretary respectively. The post of chair remains vacant despite approaches to five people.

The post involves

- Overseeing the work of Churches Together
- Organising the rota for ecumenical prayers
- Co-ordinating the service for the week of prayer for Christian Unity

Responsibility has been delegated to task groups for specific activities

- The Funday has a separate committee
- Darren and Christine manage the cards for Christmas and Easter

Interim arrangement A proposal was made to invite different members of Churches Together to chair committee meetings on a rota basis, while continuing actively to search for a chair.

Proposed: Bob Nind, **Seconded:** Darren McFarland, **carried** by 9 votes.

Funday 9th July 2016 Preparations were going well. Letters requesting financial support will be sent out.

Contact List The list needs updating . Bridget will send it out for amendments.

AGM 2017: Date and Venue

The 2017 AGM will be held on Wednesday, 10th May – 7.30 p.m at St Andrew’s Church, Old Headington.

Thanks A vote of thanks was made to Rosemary Davies for her work as chair.

Refreshments were served following the close of the formal business of the AGM.

We were joined by more visitors to hear a talk on

Mindfulness and Christian Spirituality.

Tim Stead, Vicar of Holy Trinity, described mindfulness in Buddhist practice and secular psychology, and talked of its therapeutic value in managing pain and stress. He runs courses, supported by the Diocese of Oxford, and has published books on the subject: *Mindfulness and Christian Spirituality: Making Space for God* and *Mindfulness and Prayer*. He aims to contextualise mindfulness for Christians, and to demonstrate how its practice can support us in our Christian spirituality.

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Bridget Walker
Secretary