

## **Minutes of Church Meeting.26<sup>th</sup> January 2019-02-03**

Chair. Revd. Andrew Sellwood  
24 members present  
11 apologies  
Devotions led by Carole Culliss

**Minutes of previous meeting.** Following correction of spelling these were agreed by the meeting and signed by Andrew Sellwood.

### **Matters Arising.**

1. Church Housekeeping. Valerie Cooper and Bett Swierk have taken over this role. Please let either of them know if there are any issues relating to housekeeping, either by email or phone. Matthew Smith reported on a leaking tap and dripping toilet cistern. He is negotiating with the water provider. Bett and Valerie are monitoring this. This has been reported to the Property committee who will arrange for a plumber to check. A note will go in Welcome to advise the church about these new housekeeping arrangements.
2. Christmas services. The meeting agreed they were happy with these.

### **Pastoral Report.** Hilary Redman.

Three new members were welcomed into membership and to their first church meeting. The meeting shared news of the fellowship and upheld in prayer all those with special need at this time.

The meeting was informed of the passing of 5 church friends and there was a time of prayer.

### **Agenda Items.**

1. Andrew's time. The meeting was updated with some Sellwood family good news. Andrew will hold a Walking the Way day on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February from 10-12am. Andrew will run a Lent course. Details to follow soon.

The meeting was also updated with news of Sompting church. Andrew is holding a meeting with them to look at how they can move forward. They are open to doing some joint work with Goring. Andrew will also be holding a discipleship course with Sompting.

2. World Day of Prayer. Wilfred Rhodes on behalf of Eileen. This will be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 14:30 at Goring URC. There is also a morning service at Broadwater and an evening at Durrington. Eileen has further information if required.

The theme this year is Come- Everything is Ready, and is written by Christian women of Slovenia. Eileen is able to offer a lift if anyone would like to attend the evening service.

### **Group Reports.**

Finance. Matthew Smith. Matthew has met with a heating engineer and the hub is replaced but the problem may lie with our internet arrangements. Matthew is to discuss this with Ryan Thomas and Paul Redman.

Church letting agreements have been sorted by Wilma Smith in accordance with Synod ground rules.

Matthew repeated his request for someone to work alongside him in his role as a treasurer. This does not require being involved in all aspects but as a precaution in the event of Matthew not being available.

3 toddler tables have been purchased and the meeting was asked for its agreement to purchase 2 more, bringing the cost to £550. The meeting approved and agreed this request. We have been offered some chairs t no cost. These will match our existing chairs. Matthew Smith is dealing with the arrangements.

Lettings. Wilma Smith. Wilma update the meeting on organisations currently using our premises. Wilma asked for the meetings approval to negotiate with an organisation called My Sisters House who have requested to book our premises, including the Library area, for 10 weeks from the end of April on a Thursday morning. The meeting agreed Wilma could continue these discussions. Further information about My Sisters House will be filed with the Church meeting minutes.

Property. Susie Thomas on behalf of Ryan. Sanctuary heater on west side is now fixed. Little Fishes. Door from Main hall to kitchen and Little Fishes has been rehung by Paul to open both inwards and outwards to make access easier.

Print room. The desktop computer suffered a catastrophic software failure. Ryan is working hard to get this operating again.

Since the meting the main gas meter has been replace by SSE.

Several minor jobs have been completed and Ryan can provide details if requested. Tables purchased as mentioned earlier in the minutes.

Outreach. Val Gill. Barn dance to be held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Live music and experienced caller. Tickets £7.50 with food and drink. Please invite friends and family. Help will be required with the catering.

The church men enjoyed a pre-Christmas meal at the George V and the ladies are dining out on February 12<sup>th</sup> at Tides. Details will be in Welcome.

WC&M. No report.

### **Notices and Correspondence.**

This Sunday (27<sup>th</sup>.) will be a joint evening service at English Martyrs to mark the end of the week of prayer for Christian unity.

Andrew made the meeting aware of how churches in Lancing /Sompting mark this and suggested we consider doing something similar.

Christian singer Lou Fellingham is appearing at Lancing Tabernacle on 9<sup>th</sup> March. Details can be found on the poster at the back of the church.

### **AOB**

Fair Trade. Valerie Cooper. Valerie offer to host a Big Brew to celebrate Traidcraft's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday, on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March in the afternoon. There will be a birthday quiz and guessing game. Please can this be supported. Traidcraft (now known as Traidcraft exchange) have had to downsize due to cash flow problems.

Samaritans purse. Carole Culliss. Carole is now collecting ready for this years shoe boxes and will leave a bag a the back of the church for monthly donations.

Afternoon Communion services. Dates set for 10<sup>th</sup> March, 30<sup>th</sup> Jun and 20<sup>th</sup> October. The meeting discussed if the evening communion services should go ahead as usual during these months.

Next meeting Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 10am.

The meeting ended with the sharing of the Grace.