

Registered Charity no. 249726

**Minutes of Council Meeting held at St Mary at Stoke Church, Stoke Street, Ipswich on  
12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 10 am**

**Attendance: 52**

1. Christine welcomed everyone to the meeting. She thanked St. Mary at Stoke Branch, for the refreshments and to Anita for setting up and monitoring the sound. She thanked Clare and Anna for setting out the MUE table.  
Rev'd Canon Stuart Mitchell led us in worship.
2. **Apologies:** Anita Bimpson. Mary Stalley, Mary Addington, Rachel Volley, Win Sutton, Mary Odham, Catherine Kersey, Tricia Tyler and other members from St Andrews Rushmere, Margaret Lowe, Margaret Rollins, Anna Swann, Jane Leung, Margaret Ellis, Rev'd Helen Davy and Brenda Coe, Pam Ross, Wendy Sadler.
3. Chris Mitchell proposed, seconded by Keith Foulds, that the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March as a true record. All were in favour and these were then signed as a correct record.
4. **Matters Arising:** None
5. **President's Report:**
  - See attached.
  - Christine showed a video of the new World Wide President Sharen Harper from Guyana.
  - Christine then showed a slide report of events that had happened during her 3 years as Diocesan President and thanked everyone for their Love and Support during that time. She mentioned the MU Raffle where tickets had been sent to branches who were not happy with this. Christine advised branches to bin the tickets and write to the Chief Exec. Bev Julian telling her their reasons why they have not supported the Christmas Draw.
6. **Treasurers Report:**

A detailed report of the accounts had been sent to branch leaders prior to the meeting and copies passed around, if required, by Keith. Keith reminded branches that 03 December was the deadline for subscriptions to be included in this year's accounts. There were no questions from the floor but Christine asked Keith if he had sent a donation to MSH towards the retirement gift for Lynn Tembey. Keith was unaware of this request as the minutes of the AGM in July have not been issued yet and this was requested in those minutes.

Keith mentioned a letter that had been sent to the branches that bank with Barclays, asking them to complete a 7 page document. He said he had a PDF copy and could advise on their replies.
7. **Annual Returns** – Cathy asked all branches to complete and return their Annual Return

Paperwork by 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2019 or before, to either their Deanery Organizer or Cathie. Christine asked branches to be prompt as delay caused so much extra work for Cathie

**8. Unit Reports:**

Trustees and officers were asked to only comment if they had any information to add to their reports that had been sent out prior to the meeting.

**Cathie** - nothing to add

**Sandra** – Thanked those present for their support over the past 6 years and said she is prepared to still take items for the Woman's Refuge and the Ipswich Winter Night Shelter.

**Beryl** - mentioned the Trianon Concert being held at Rushere St Andrew Church on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November arranged by the MU branch at that church in aid of AFIA. All welcome.

**Chris** – Had nothing to report except to mention that Sue Norrington will be taking over as Diocesan Rep.

**Stuart**- Nothing to add

**Clare** – Nothing to add

**Ipswich Area** – Rev'd Catherine Forsdike spoke on behalf of Catherine Kersey to remind the meeting that Ipswich Area Quiet Day is at Witnesham Church on Tuesday 04 December at 9.30.

**Anna** - Nothing to add

**MUe** - Christine hoped that the MUe role would soon be taken up, maybe in a new way. She thanked Keith for his financial help pro tem and to Anna, Clare and Cathie for all their hard work.

**Viv** - Viv suggested Pathways could be delivered by e.mail if members wanted this. To do this would mean that we could have more pages and more photos.

**Janice** – Said she will be sending the latest Pathways and Newsletter to our World Wide Links

**Monica** – Nothing to add

**Margaret** – Nothing to add

**Jean** – Prayer chain going well. Jean can be contacted to request additional members to the chain.

- 9 . Safeguarding** - Clare showed a video of some vulnerable people being abused and asked members to ensure they were covered by safeguarding. The video was very moving and prompted Anita from St Marys' to tell how she was in an awkward situation during the lunch club caused by a lady's dementia.

### **Mid-day Prayers were lead by Christine**

**10. Announcements of New Trustees and officers for the next Triennium**

Linda Ginn had been confirmed at the AGM as Diocesan President & Trustee-

Beryl had received nominations as follows:-

Val Jefferies - AFIA & Trustee

Sue Wolstencroft – Sudbury Area Representative & Trustee

Sue Norrington – Diocesan Members & Trustee

Beryl Mee – Diocesan Secretary/Administrator & Trustee

Those continuing are :-

Cathie McGregor - Vice President & Trustee

Anna Vessey - North Suffolk Area Representative & Trustee

Catherine Kersey – Ipswich Area Representative & Trustee

Clare Thomas – Website and Social Policy Co-ordinator, Safeguarding Officer & Trustee

Keith Foulds - Diocesan Treasurer

Janice Brett - World Wide Link Co-ordinator

Viv Buckle - Pathways

Monica Twaits – Indoor Members Rep  
Jean Haste – Prayer Chain organizer  
Margaret Rollins – 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Rep

There are 4 appointments outstanding, these being Faith & Policy, Action & Outreach, and MUE rep.

Revd Canon Stuart Mitchell, Chris Mitchell, Sandra Griffiths are standing down and Christine thanked them for all they had contributed, She also thanked Beryl for increasing the Secretary role over the past year.

Cathie presented Christine with a bouquet of flowers as a thank you for her 3 years as Diocesan President.

**11. Correspondence – None**

**12. Events for 2019 – Diary Dates**

Beryl read out the dates that are already in the diary for 2019 and asked if anyone has dates for the coming year to please let her know for inclusion to the diary. A copy had been sent to all Branch Leaders prior to this meeting. Beryl to keep Branch Leaders up to date with events.

**13. Talk by Marian Pope – Diocesan Training & Development Manager at Mary Sumner House.**

See attached. Christine thanked Marian for her presentation which challenged and inspired us for the next triennium. It had been informative, encouraging and fun. We are most grateful for the expertise and time that Marian and her colleagues are giving to the Parenting Facilitators Course currently happening at Sudbury.

**14. AOB - there was none**

**15. Date of next meeting –10<sup>th</sup> April 2019 (note change of date)– AGM at Salvation Army HQ Violet Hill, Stowmarket.**

Christine welcomed Linda Ginn as our next Diocesan President and wished her well. Linda thanked those members who had nominated her for the position of Diocesan President for the next Triennium.

**16 Closing Prayer – Canon Rev'd Stuart Mitchell closed the meeting with prayers.**

**Meeting closed at 1.00pm with the Grace.**

Signed.....

Dated.....

