

Minutes of General Meeting

Saturday 21st May 2022 at Lichfield Cathedral

1. Revd Simon Carver Chair of the Free Church Choirs welcomed the choirs and singers to the Festival. There were no apologies for absence.
2. During his introduction Simon announced that he would not be standing for re-election as chair as he will be retiring next year. A successor to Simon will be announced once appointed.

Simon thanked Adrian Prisk and Maggie Prisk for their work as treasurers, the meeting unanimously voted in favour of them continuing in their roles as treasurers.

April Gear was appointed as Secretary at the last General Meeting in Guildford and was voted unanimously at this meeting to continue in the role.

3. The members of the committee were re-elected.
4. Mrs Janet Nelsey was re-appointed as of Examiner of Accounts.
5. Adrian Prisk gave the treasurers report, these were the key points:-
 - There was a deficit of approx. £500 at Guildford compared with approx. £1,500 at Worcester
 - The anthem book price has increased to £12 for Lichfield
 - The budget for Lichfield shows a small surplus at the time of the meeting but will be detailed in future accounts
 - There has been good income from collections at rehearsals and membership Gift Aid.
 - Gift Aid envelopes are available for the offering for congregation and choir.

6. Free Church Choirs – Southern Region report – Andrew Winton

Very little happened in 2021, as we were still affected by Covid 19. In the run up to today's festival, Peter held 4 rehearsals in Ickenham URC between 23rd February and 19th May 2022 with encouraging numbers turning up. Since there will only be a 17 month gap until we sing in St Albans it is unlikely we will have a workshop later this year - (2022) There will be however, 5 rehearsals in Ickenham throughout the summer of 2023. More details will be given nearer the time.

Free Church Choirs - Midland Region report - David Crick

Peter has led a Midlands regional rehearsal on 7th May 2022, which was our first meeting since the Covid pandemic and we are planning a 'get to know the music event' for St Albans sometime in Spring 2023.

7. Simon closed the meeting with prayers