**Birdcage Walk Meeting 19/6/22**

Present: James, Norman, Trevor, Bob, Lesley, Rosalind,

Apologies: Paula, Kath and Caroline

1. Consecration – Sunday August 14th: Two documents from Paul Langham from Christchurch are attached to these minutes. At the bottom of these minutes I have pasted the email he sent me yesterday. He is away until Saturday 25th. It would be nice to have some ideas ready for week 27th. I also think we are going to need a meeting before 17th July to finalise the service? I know two members have already said they will be away. *Since the meeting, talking during the extensive clearing today, I will send the documents to Teresa who is a volunteer to cast an eye over and add any relevant ideas. Teresa is a theology graduate and her mother has put together a number of more humanist celebrations in order to ensure we really are truly inclusive. I will circulate ideas when received.*

Rosalind reported that the Lord Mayor has been invited.

**Bob** will investigate the marquee used by Cornwallis during Secret Gardens with a view to borrowing it for Sunday 14th August.

**James** to check we can use the Victoria Square loud speaker

**Rosalind** will contact Anne Nisbet and update on consecration plans – with a view to perhaps receiving some funding for the new planting scheme.

Advertising for the consecration event was discussed. A poster needs to be produced; a simple poster with basic facts but using a photograph as background. **Trevor** offered to come up with a draft idea for discussion. **Norman** to send Trevor a link to the proposed photograph. **Lesley** will put them up in the Hotwells and Cliftonwood noticeboards. Important to reach as many people as possible.

**Lesley** will talk to Jules Hyam about local television news coverage.

We did have a discussion about chairs. We will need some chairs. *Since the meeting is has occurred to me that we may be able to borrow some from Christchurch?*

1. Secret Garden weekend last week 11/12th June. Thank you to James whose talk in the graveyard was a colourful patchwork of interesting local history.
2. Birdcage boards: Or should we say Lime Walk boards are up – very nice to see so many people reading them as they went by today. It does provoke a question which was discussed. Lime Walk v Birdcage Walk?
3. Planting: Planting team are meeting with Teija on Tuesday to discuss the new planting scheme.

Email sent from Paul Langham on 18th June

*Dear Rosalind,*

*I’ve been giving some thought to this, and attach some initial ideas. I am imagining (so do please correct me if I am wrong!) that you are thinking of an event taking up much of the afternoon, of which the focused celebration of the consecration of St Andew’s will be a relatively small part.*

*What I attach are really just some initial thoughts as to how that particular part may play out – but please do be clear that I want to be guided by you in this as to what you feel is most appropriate. No one else has seen the attached, so please feel free to suggest whatever changes you feel are needed. I also attach an idea for a leaflet that could be handed out to mark the event.*

*I am delighted to say that the Archdeacon of Bristol, the Ven. Neil Warwick, will be representing the Bishop of Bristol on the day, and will no doubt play some role in things.*

*I can also confirm that if you would like some musical backing for the afternoon, one of our church members, a professional vocalist is willing to be part of things too.*

*I’m heading off for a week’s break later this morning, so let’s talk again in the w/c 27 June.*