

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, HENLEAZE



Lives transformed through following Christ in love and service

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 5 July 2018

Ex-Officio Members	
Clergy	
The Revd Canon Mark Pilgrim	Present
Lay Ministers	
Ian Love	Apologies
Sarah Thomas	Present
Kathy Kilgour	Present
Churchwardens	
David Cottrell	Present
Lindsey Traub	Apologies
2017 Deanery Synod Reps	
[Kathy Kilgour]	Present
[David Cottrell]	Present
Sarah Thorne	Present
(vacancy)	

	Elected Members	
2018	Jane Boyle	Present
	Valerie Bishop	Present
	Peter Dyer	Apologies
	Erik Dirdal	Present
	Leah Emery	Present
2017	Emma Bolton	Apologies
	David Fenna (Treasurer)	Present
	Alistair Robinson	Present
	Moirra McMurrans*	Apologies
	Jane Crawford	Apologies
2016	Mary Goronwy	Present
	Catherine Leask	Present
	Wendy Young	Present
	Mike Leddra	Apologies
	Sandy Hollinghurst*	Present

* fulfilling casual vacancy 29th April 2018

Secretary : Katharine Ford

Attendance 14/ 21 = 66%

Note: The required quorum for the meeting is one third of the members, i.e. 7.

The meeting was chaired by the Vicar.

1. Worship and Welcome

Alistair opened with a quiet time of worship through a poem and a prayer.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mike Leddra, Moira McMurrin, Pete Dyer, Jane Crawford, Lindsey Traub.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 24 May 2018 were accepted, with one amendment (Agenda item 15 to read 'Dementia Friendly Churches Day') and signed by the chair.

4. Matters Arising

Item 5.2 : Problems with the PA system have been tracked to one of the two loudspeakers being inadvertently muted. It is hoped that, with its restoration, recent problems will have been rectified.

5. Standing Committee Report

The Vicar referred everyone to the minutes of this Committee which are available at the back of church and which give information on day to day matters including halls bookings.

6. Planning Team Report – report circulated before the meeting.

- **Faith-nurturing activities arising from the recent sessions by London Institute of Contemporary Christianity (LICC) centred on "Whole Life Discipleship".**

1. Faith in Action

Syrian refugee family support : the Vicar reported that he has not yet heard back from Anne James (Bristol Resettlement Co-ordinator) - but commented that the Council has 5 properties (2 in Henleaze) for an extended refugee family, and that there is interest from other local churches.

We are not able to move forward with the Happiness Hub at present.

Helping at the Wild Goose Café needs to be planned so that there are not too many helpers on any one evening, so the Vicar will ask about evenings other than the one Foundation do.

2. Faith Seeking Understanding

The Vicar confirmed that the three sessions in September on 'The Journey of Generosity' will be led by Foundation.

Following that, six Faith Seeking Understanding sessions were proposed, and the Vicar is researching possibilities. He outlined the work of various groups in UK -

The Inclusive Church Network - churches sign up to do all they can to foster inclusivity

One Body, One Faith - this deals only with issues of identity and sexuality ("Come as you are")

Open Table (Liverpool) – a communion based approach.

There was discussion about the proposal, as to what the aim and content of sessions would be: it was felt that possibly four sessions would be a good way forward – one on each of the following:

- human identity and sexuality; physical disability and access; mental health; and children/young people as communicant members -

and it was hoped that attendees would benefit by deepening their theological/Biblical knowledge of these issues, by growing in understanding, and growing their faith in practice. It is hoped that the format of the sessions will bring wide variety and that there will be good conversations about these challenging issues. To develop this, the Vicar will form a small working group.

It was agreed in principle to take the proposal forward on the basis of our discussion.

3. Faith in Silence

Mary confirmed that a Parish Quiet Day at Llangasty Retreat House, Brecon, is to take place over the summer; Rev Peter Chambers has agreed to lead the day – cost will be about £25 and people are currently

signing up to join in.

4. Faith in Culture

The Vicar confirmed that Lindsey Traub plans to start occasional book club sessions.

5. Faith in Music

Our music on Sunday mornings is progressing well, and as a further initiative it is hoped that we could put on a Come and Sing, under the direction of a conductor and having a missional element.

6. Faith in Community

Our activity in this area is demonstrated by the list of social events we do anyway.

- **HeartEdge Workshop : Please see item 8 below**

- **Children's Society and Christingle**

The next Christingle service will take place at Candlemas 2019 and the young people will play a major role. Other fundraising for the Children's Society will only take place as and when offers to do this are made. Our thanks go to those who have supported the Children's Society by organising fundraising in the past and are now stepping down.

The meeting agreed to the recommendations.

- **Planning Team Membership**

The Team recommend that Catherine Leask, as Youth Work Co-ordinator, will join the Planning Team.

The meeting agreed to the recommendation.

7. Worship Ministry

There was no discussion on this.

8. Discipleship Ministry– HeartEdge Workshop report circulated before the meeting.

The Vicar invited comments on the notes from the workshop : these were the lists of top concerns/obstacles and ideas for tackling them.

It was generally agreed that the lists need to be streamlined and distilled, and we need to discern what is distinctively St Peter's. There was a full discussion and comments included -

We could ask people from outside St Peter's to give us feedback on how we are perceived, and what we are good at.

Also, we need to work harder at reaching out and telling local people about our church life.

We need to recognise that lots of the work detailed in the notes is already being done.

Henleaze Hospitality could be a worthwhile new project.

It is hoped that the church will be able to develop these ideas and grow in discipleship.

9. Refreshments

10. Finance Ministry

10.1 Giving in Grace update : there were few replies to the letter (which did not include a reply slip) - we were asked to note that replies to Sue are needed, even if there is no change in giving.

10.2 Parish Share : Clare Fussell is co-ordinating and in September we will have a better idea of Parish Share for 2019.

10.3 Financial update : following the update in March, the projection shows we will have a surplus this year.

11. Youth Ministry - report circulated before the meeting.

11.1 Catherine commented that the spreadsheet to comply with the Safe and Welcome award is being completed ; also that ideas for child friendly songs at the end of the services will be welcomed. The Vicar is to publicise plans for Sunday morning children's activities over the summer holidays.

11.2 Following the recommendation that a Youth Committee be appointed, this has now been done : it is a flexible group which includes Simon Collins, Catherine Leask, and Paula Robinson, and will meet once a term after the 9.45am service.

The meeting approved the recommendation.

12. Site Committee

David Cottrell reported that Ernest Till & Co have finished the electricity safety checking, and that further work has been identified which Pete will arrange;

- also that the flag is now flying on the flagpole – a request at the APCM.

13. Social and Outreach

13.1 The Patronal Festival Tea Party went well : numbers were a little lower than before, but it was much enjoyed, and £240 including Gift Aid was raised.

13.2 Other social events are listed on the Agenda and it was agreed that the Vicar would explore whether the Ale and Arty Charity Festival might be moved from 20/10 to 13/10, depending on whether the bands booked could be available – this would be to avoid a clash with Bishop Viv's installation on 20/10. Two other events were flagged up : the Craft and Card Sale on 10/11, and the Henleaze Festival at Christmas on 5/12.

14. Safe and Welcome Ministry - report circulated before the meeting.

14.1 Safeguarding training – there was a query about Course S3 being 'essential' for leaders of children and 'recommended' for youth workers – it seems essential for both. Wendy Young is to send Sandy a list of children's leaders.

14.2 Gold Award – Work on this is ongoing and the Vicar told the meeting that we would be the first in the Diocese to get this award.

14.3 Purchase of a defibrillator – Catherine proposed that we buy a defibrillator and arrange training to use it : it would be stored outside in a cabinet, and should be easy to use.

The cost range is £980 - £2300. Community funding could be sought and the Vicar agreed to take this forward, aiming for the end of the year. We do have funds available to cover the cost.

Information on the defibrillator can be found at British Healthcare Trades Association/ www.bhta.com.

14.4 First Aid training - This is available through HeartStart who run 2-hour sessions at Southmead Hospital Resuscitation Services Dept. at a cost of £5 per person. Dates currently on offer are July 26th & August 30th, 4.15pm – 6.15pm.

Catherine offered to buy the defibrillator and arrange the First Aid training ; she will need offers from people and Alastair Robinson and David Cottrell were both interested.

15. Pastoral Ministry

There was no discussion on this.

16. Synod Reports: Deanery, Diocesan and General

The Vicar drew attention to the report from the recent Diocesan Synod – copy available at the back of church.

He was pleased to announce that for Diocesan Synod there are 3 candidates from St Peter's - Sarah Thorne, and two people from Foundation, Hazel Rolston and Julian Clover.

17. AOB

Publicity : It was noted that the local free publications (Henleaze Voice, BS9) need to receive some publicity information about St Peter's and events at St Peter's, and included in this can be the change to Mondays only for the renamed *Play at St Peter's* (Toddlers).

It was also noted that Lindsey is now in charge of our monthly Newslink

Refreshments : Mary will not be able to do refreshments at our September meeting and would be grateful for a volunteer.

18. Prayer and depart

The meeting closed with prayer.

The next PCC meeting is on **Thursday 20th September** at 7.30pm, in the church.

Next Planning Committee meeting is on 5/9/18

Reports for next PCC meeting to be requested by PCC Secretary on 6/9/18

Reports to be returned to PCC Secretary by 13/9/18

Agenda and reports to be issued to PCC on 14/9/18

Forthcoming PCC meetings (- all commence in the church at 7.30pm):

Thursday 25/10/18

Thursday 22/11/18