

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, HENLEAZE



'Lives transformed through following Christ in love and service'

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 28th November 2019

Ex-Officio Members	
Clergy	
The Revd Canon Mark Pilgrim	Present
Lay Ministers	
Ian Love	Apologies
Sarah Thomas	Present
Kathy Kilgour	Apologies
Churchwardens	
Lindsey Traub	Apologies
Sarah Hardiman	Present
Deanery Synod Reps	
[Kathy Kilgour]	[Apologies]
Sarah Thorne	Apologies
Sarah Thomas	[Present]
Diocesan Synod Rep	
[Sarah Thorne]	[Apologies]
Julian Clover	Apologies
vacancy	vacancy

Elected Members		
2019	Mary Goronwy	Present
	Catherine Leask	Apologies
	Wendy Young	Present
	Mike Leddra	Apologies
	Georgina Cope (Nov. 2019)	Present
2018	Jane Boyle	Apologies
	Valerie Bishop	Apologies
	Peter Dyer	Present
	Erik Dirdal	Present
2017	Emma Bolton	Present
	David Fenna (Treasurer)	Present
	Alistair Robinson	Present
	Jane Crawford	Present
	Sandy Hollinghurst	Apologies

Secretary : Katharine Ford

Attendance 12 / 21 = 57%

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 The vicar welcomed everyone to the meeting, including Clare Fussell and Georgina Cope ; a time of worship was led by Erik Dirdal based around issues of women and equality.

2. Apologies for absence - received from Sandy Hollinghurst, Lindsey Traub, Valerie Bishop, Jane Boyle, Kathy Kilgour, Mike Leddra, Catherine Leask, Sarah Thorne.

3. Minutes of the last meeting These were agreed and signed.

4. Matters Arising There were none.

5. Safe and Welcome - report circulated.

Our thanks to Sandy Hollinghurst for her work as Parish Safeguarding Officer : Sandy is now handing over to Georgina Cope, and we look forward to supporting her in that role.

a. **Resolution:** That this PCC appoints Georgina Cope in the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer.
Proposed Mark Pilgrim Seconded Wendy Young All in favour

b. **Resolution:** That this PCC votes for Georgina Cope to take up the vacancy left on PCC by the resignation of Leah Emery.

Proposed Mark Pilgrim Seconded Jane Crawford All in favour

6. Diocesan Synod – report circulated

Environment and Climate Change Policy : Climate Emergency Resolution

Clare Fussell is the Diocesan Environmental Adviser and Clare explained that the diocese's Climate Emergency Resolution will be taken to General Synod in February - Bristol is the first diocese to pass such a motion. The Resolution aims to reduce damage to the climate as much as possible and to offset the rest using an A Rocha offsetting scheme. Information on churches' carbon footprints will be collected and surveyed. To be discussed is the issue of providing solar panels for churches. The Eco Church project at St Peter's : the youth group have done as much as they can on their own re completing the Eco Church Audit: we need now to create a Working Group including young people and adults with technical knowledge of our site to take this further. Adult volunteers so far are Joy Hollamby, Ralph Hindle, Clare Fussell. The vicar asked that the Site Committee look at this initiative, and also that it be publicized in a Newslink.

7. Worship

a. Inspiring Music in Worship – The course sessions are ending on 5 December and the vicar proposes that the Music Team and the Preaching Team meet in January to report in the New Year on the material produced by the course attendees. This will include consideration of our current practice of sung liturgy.

b. Music Team - report circulated.

c. Healing Group - report circulated.

d. 7.30pm service - report circulated.

e. Review : Treasure Sunday - There were expressions of interest in getting involved in various areas of church life, and it is important that these offers are now taken up. It was felt the event could have been better advertised for people not there that Sunday, but the list is on the board in church and also the vicar's sermon that day will be emailed out to draw further attention to the opportunities remaining.

f. Review of timing of Sunday morning services - On this subject a letter and an email had been received, urging a review and detailing drawbacks to the later start time of 10am, especially for wardens and welcomers ; Brian McMurrin, who has an interest, was present at the meeting for this item.

APCM last April had indicated there would be a review before the end of the year, and the planning team recently had wanted to complete a full year's cycle before reviewing - with a full evaluation being carried out at that point. However it was suggested to PCC that the evaluation should be brought forward and carried out at the beginning of February : it was felt this would take us through the main part of the winter, and also would fit in well with new warden/welcome rotas starting in April. The vicar will now set that in motion early in the New Year and invite Sandy Hollinghurst to provide her Survey expertise in creating a suitable questionnaire.

8. Finance

a. **Resolution** : this PCC resolves to open an account with SumUp as our Card Services Provider.
Proposed David Fenna Seconded Peter Dyer All in favour

b. **Resolution** : this PCC resolves to donate £250 to One25 by 8 December to take advantage of matchfunding.

Proposed David Fenna Seconded Alistair Robinson All in favour

c. Co-op Community Fund

We have received £2875 from this fund, to be spent on tables; we have been told that we can apply again.

d. 2019 Financial Report

The Treasurer reported that projected income was now £171,700.

Expenditure is down and projected as £163,500.

Hall expenditure is up on last year, but there may still be a profit of £13,000.

A legacy of £1000 has been received from the estate of Brenda Fearn.

e. 2020 Parish Share

We have received thanks from the Diocese for our agreement to the sum of £100,250 as our Parish Share. David has warned the Diocese that we cannot expect to give as much in 2021.

Further items

We have heard from EIG that they are merging our insurance policies for Church and Hall, under a new scheme called Parish Plus, and this will be financially beneficial for us.

Treasure Sunday finance letters : David reported that there has already been a good response to letters sent out, and more letters are waiting at the back of church to be delivered. We are grateful to David and Sue Cope and Emma and Mark for their work on this.

9. Children and Youth : no report was circulated, but there will be a presentation by the young people on 22 December at the morning service.

10. Refreshments

11. Discipleship : Fuelling the fires of faith

Faith in Action

a. Henleaze Hospitality - support for the Ibrahim family is going well, with reading or maths help for the children, classes for Abed, and work on English at home with Fodda.

b. Eco Church – see above

Faith in Prayer

Mindfulness – Ian Bailey will run sessions on Wednesday evenings in the Meeting Room for up to 12 people who will be approached. There will be 8 sessions in all in the spring term.

Faith in Culture

There will be a book group meeting in the New Year to discuss "God is no thing".

Faith in Community

Ale and Arty in October went very well. A recent review meeting attended by a We Make Bristol rep agreed to consider developing our positive partnership. Options include holding a 'Champagne Tea' event in the summer, moving Ale and Arty to November (after discussion with our Card and Craft Fair organisers) and partnering with We Make Bristol for the Henleaze Christmas Community Fair on the first Wednesday of December 2020.

Card and Craft Fair raised £580 for outreach.

Christmas Community Festival is on 4 Dec.

Parish Weekend has had a good response.

Faith seeking Understanding

Inspiring Music in Worship is ongoing – see above.

Housegroups are also ongoing.

12. Social and Outreach

Updates and responsibilities: interest in being involved as a result of Treasure Sunday:

- a. Embrace the Middle East – Sandy Hollinghurst
- b. CMS liaison – Anne Plested in Bethlehem – overseer required
- c. One25 – Helen Collins
- d. Children's Society – Gill Dirdal
- e. Uganda Bishops' visit – report circulated
- f. Recent update of website photos was welcomed: some more still to come.

13. Pastoral

The meeting noted the death of Del Davis ; a thanksgiving service will take place on 16 December at 4pm in church.

14. Site

The Quinquennial inspection report has some inaccuracies which Sarah Hardiman will deal with in a meeting with the architect; the report will be amended, and the fee has now been paid.

15. Deanery Synod Report

The Synod meeting in October discussed future missional activities to take place in the Deanery, including supporting Eco Church awards for parishes.

16. AOB - To note : As part of our Eco Church project, tree planting would be a way of achieving carbon offsetting.

17. Dates for next PCC year, 2020-2021

APCM Permission has been granted for APCM to be on Sunday 10 May at 11.30am

PCC 21 May, 16 July, 24 September, 21 October, 26 November, 28 January, 25 March

18. Prayer and Depart

Dates of next meetings unless otherwise arranged: Thurs 30 January 2020 & Thurs 26 March 2020

Reports for next PCC meeting to be requested by PCC Secretary on 16 January 2020

and to be issued with the Agenda on 23 January 2020.