

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, HENLEAZE



Lives transformed through following Christ in love and service

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 18th June 2020 via Zoom

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

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

Secretary: Katharine Ford

Attendance 19 / 21 = 90%

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

The meeting was chaired by the vicar.

1. **Opening Prayers** - our thanks to Sarah Hardiman who opened in prayer.
2. **Apologies for absence** - received from Kathy Kilgour.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** - these were accepted and will be signed in due course.
4. **Matters arising** - there were none.

5. Worship Review and Planning

- i) Opening of Church for individual prayer

The vicar reported that the doors are now left open daily from 9am; the chairs are spaced out and are sprayed with sanitiser at the beginning of each day, and hand cleaner is available; there is no stewarding, though offers of help were made if this is needed.

ii) Welcoming Kandis Douglas on Patronal Festival 5th July

There will be a virtual licensing service, when curates will be licensed as Lay Workers, at 11.30am on 5th July, which will be publicised; Mark plans to walk with Kandis around the parish on 10th July, but it is considered not safe yet to plan a congregational picnic lunch together on 5th.

iii) 10am Communion Service Zoom – video and phone

This has been going smoothly recently. There was discussion about bringing the 10am and 11am congregations together with an overlap, but although this was thought to be a good idea it would need a change of time for one of the services; no decision was made but it will be considered. About 70 people are attending at 10am. Music by Elliot during communion was discussed as a possibility, rather than having the prayer of spiritual communion in silence.

iv) 11am Youth Service Zoom – video and phone

This has generally gone very well, and 10-12 families are attending – about 20 people.

v) 7.30pm Contemplative Service Zoom – video and phone

This service has a good rhythm and regular attenders; Lindsay will be hosting a service with poetry shortly.

vi) 9.15am Morning Prayer FreeConferenceCall.com – phone & video

The vicar reported that 6 people often attend, some of whom are housebound.

6. Pastoral

i) Phone contacts

Mary, Mark, Sarah and others

ii) Shopping and medical supplies

Sarah and others

Thanks to Mary for all her work phoning and liaising, and to Mark and Emma Woodworth for their hand delivering.

7. Outreach

i) 'Where is God in a Coronavirus world?' Review: Books and Zoom sessions. What next?

There were 3 zoom sessions to discuss the book, all but one of the attenders known to Mark. Although the local community did not respond to the zoom invitation, 300 books were picked up. The books cost £1 each. Mark now proposes to get 50 copies of "Fresh Pathways in Prayer" published by a Christian book company named '10 of those'. The cost will again be £1 per book. The flyer will provide contact details and service times and an invitation to come into the church building, now and when services resume.

This was agreed.

ii) 'Thy Kingdom Come' review: Prayer Walk and Rainbow Prayers

Sarah Thomas reported that the rainbow prayers on the church railings have attracted people to stop and look, and it has been a comfort for those who are unwell to leave a prayer. Sarah will keep an eye on the weather and decide when to take them down. The Prayer Walk also went well.

iii) Website

Sandy doesn't have any current stats for hits on the website; she will contact Simon for a notice about the Monday evening youth sessions.

iv) Facebook

Emma Bolton updated this, and there are 60 people following the page.

v) Noticeboard

The St Peter's Noticeboard lent to Busy Bees has been re-sited on the section of the church railings most visible to people coming up The Drive and will be used for church publicity and engagement with the public once more.

vi) Sisters of the Church

The Sisters have been open now for 5 weeks, the number of people accessing the food donations is increasing, and they are well supplied.

8. Groups/activities: The following groups are all ongoing:-

- i) Monday Youth Groups
- ii) Tuesday Christian Mindfulness Group – our thanks to Ian Bailey
- iii) Wednesday Bible Study Group (fortnightly)
- iv) Book Group on 'Phoebe'; Sarah Thomas reported that this is happening via a round robin.

v) Ale and Arty Charity Festival 17th October or later

Mark Pilgrim will ask stallholders to book this tentative date: stalls would be outside the church and socially distanced, and gazebos could be used.

vi) Retreat

Sarah Thomas is arranging a Home Retreat, to replace the Quiet Day at LLangasty which had to be cancelled. If this can take place on a Thursday, Saturday or Sunday, Kandis Douglas can be involved.

9. Governance

i) Eco Committee Report: Church grounds and Davis offer re new bench

Plans are going ahead for the garden: trees will be planted, the family of Del Davis have requested a memorial bench, and the overlarge and still growing Wellingtonia is coming down on 26th June. Other issues discussed were the presence of much utilities pipework in the new Wild Garden area and the need for long-term regular gardening to ensure successful planting and care of the borders.

Pete reported that the repointing of the West end is now complete; the electrical work has been carried out, and the heating engineer will be carrying out the boiler maintenance. (Site Team Report was circulated with Agenda).

ii) St Peter's policy: discussion re Smile.Amazon (St Peter's benefitting from Amazon purchases)

At the moment our easy fundraising page gives a link to Smile.Amazon: there was discussion about whether this should be removed in view of Amazon's exploitative practices. Given that we are not recommending purchases from Amazon but making known an opportunity for St Peter's to benefit, David Fenna proposed that we don't make any change. A vote was taken and the proposal accepted by the majority, with 5 abstentions.

iii) APCM: The current deadline is 31st October and we will have to await developments.

10. Finance

i) Treasurer's report Income & Expenditure

David will do a half year projection at the end of June. Emma Woodworth is preparing figures for the Hall, which show a loss; Mike and Emma will be assessing how to make the Hall safe in future for users. Income from planned givers is holding up.

11. AOB The date of the next meeting will be Thursday 16th July on Zoom.

The meeting closed with the Grace.