

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, HENLEAZE



Lives transformed through following Christ in love and service

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 16th July 2020 via Zoom

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| Ex-Officio Members | |
| Clergy | |
| The Revd Canon Mark Pilgrim | Present |
| Kandis Douglas Curate (July 20) | Present |
| Lay Ministers | |
| Ian Love | Apologies |
| Sarah Thomas | Present |
| Kathy Kilgour | Present |
| Churchwardens | |
| Lindsey Traub | Present |
| Sarah Hardiman | Present |
| Deanery Synod Reps | |
| [Kathy Kilgour] | [Present] |
| Sarah Thorne | Apologies |
| [Sarah Thomas] | [Present] |
| Diocesan Synod Rep | |
| [Sarah Thorne] | [Apologies] |
| [Julian Clover] | [Apologies] |
| vacancy | vacancy |

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| | Elected Members | |
| 2019 | Mary Goronwy | Present |
| | Catherine Leask | Present |
| | Wendy Young | Present |
| | Mike Leddra | Apologies |
| | Georgina Cope (Nov. 19) | Present |
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| 2018 | Jane Boyle | Apologies |
| | Valerie Bishop | Present |
| | Peter Dyer | Present |
| | Erik Dirdal | Apologies |
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| 2017 | Emma Bolton | Present |
| | David Fenna (Treasurer) | Present |
| | Alistair Robinson | Present |
| | Jane Crawford | Present |
| | Sandy Hollinghurst | Apologies |
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Secretary: Katharine Ford

Attendance 16 / 22 = 72%

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 Kathy Kilgour who opened in prayer focussed, at this time of healing and taking stock, on leaves we brought with us and based on Revelation 22 1-2.
2. **Apologies for absence** - received from Sandy Hollinghurst, Erik Dirdal, Mike Leddra and Sarah Thorne.
3. **Welcome** - we welcomed Kandis to the PCC, and to our church, following her licensing to St Peter's on 5th July.
4. **Minutes of the last meeting** - these were accepted and will be signed in due course.
5. **Matters arising** - there were none.
6. **Worship Review and Planning**
 - 8am Communion Service: in church. The vicar reported that there were 18 attending (8am regulars and others) at 8am last Sunday 12th for the first service in church since lockdown. Social distancing went

well, with good spacing of chairs and clear guidance about the rules for receiving communion; in future we just need to ensure there is no touching during the Peace. There is no requirement yet from the Church of England for wearing masks. Lindsey asked for volunteers to steward as there is no rota at present. Mark has decided to use the audio system next time to make for better audibility for those who need it. Lastly, it was good to welcome Kandis, also her daughter, to read her in at the first service in church.

- 10am Communion Service: Zoom - video and phone. Mark will continue this service in Zoom format. People want to return to church, but it has been decided that we do not have capacity for gathering together until it is safer to do so. It was suggested that we might be able to relay a service in church on Zoom, but it was felt this would be too technically difficult given the poor signal/connection.
- 11am Youth Service: Zoom - video and phone. This service has gone very well indeed, involving different young people, and will now take a break until September.
- 7.30pm Contemplative Service - Zoom - video and phone. This will now take place in church from 26th July; about 10 people usually attend and they will be seated in the body of the church: there can be no singing.
- 9.15am Morning Prayer: FreeConferenceCall.com – phone & video. 6 or 7 people are regularly joining this and the service will continue.

7. Pastoral

Mary continues to ring round, concentrating on those who are elderly or alone, and she is grateful to Sarah Thomas, Sandy Hollinghurst and Emma Woodworth for their help.

8. Outreach

- i) Giveaway book - 50 copies of 'Fresh Pathways in Prayer' have been taken in 7 days, and a group will be organised in due course for reflection on the book. Mark reported that the company, '10 of those', can supply books for £1 each on orders of 50-100, and he and Kandis will work together to decide on another book from the further titles available. It was agreed that the books should continue to be placed outside the church rather than inside.
- ii) Website - Mark has updated the website re the 8am service. Kandis can help with the website, and she also commented that the crossover between website and Facebook has now been improved with a link.
- iii) Facebook - The relaunch of youth activities in September will be promoted here; Kandis will advise on Facebook and felt that we need to make sure that people who are on Facebook like the page.
- iv) Noticeboards - We now have an A1 poster about the 8am service near the car park main entrance.
- v) Display - 'Home Comforts: What have you Learned to Love during Lockdown?' (Report circulated)
Letty Pilgrim has offered to create a display in church with pictures, texts, and objects which members of St Peter's (and others) contribute; some historical background will then be added. Details are in the report circulated. The display will include a QR code with a link to a charity, and out of the three charities suggested in the report,
Mark proposed Caring in Bristol, a homelessness charity with a specific COVID-19 appeal:
Seconded by Pete and carried.
This proposed project was welcomed. The display could be publicised in the local free press.
- vi) CMS - Anne Plested, who works for CMS at Bethlehem Bible College teaching English, has provided an interesting display in church and we watched her short video about her work.

9. Eco Committee Wild Garden (Report circulated)

Sarah Hardiman referred us to the details in the report, and additionally, reported that the bench and water butt have now arrived.

The bench in memory of John and Del Davis is to be positioned near the south door; Ann Holloway's brother Peter Davis will contact David Fenna about gift aid and funding maintenance of the bench. Our thanks to Bekki and Paul of Good Grounds and Gardens for their work, which will be ongoing. Publicising of the garden can be done with a video on Facebook and on the website, and/or stills, when there are signs of growth – it was suggested that spring would be a good time. It is hoped that Brownies and the School can benefit, and Letty Pilgrim has offered to design and paint a signboard showing some of the plants to encourage investigation of the garden by visitors.

10. Site Committee

With the removal of the Wellingtonia and the hedge cut down, it is good that there is now a better view of the church. The light on the steps has now been repaired and all the planned work around the church has been done.

11. Groups/activities

- i) Monday Youth Groups – These have gone well; Simon is to meet Mark and Kandis shortly to discuss youth work.

The issue of providing opportunities for young people to develop skills in leading/decision-making/involvement was raised, as it has been previously –

- *PCC minutes 31 Jan 2019 item 11, PCC minutes 18 July 2019 Plenary, PCC minutes 30 Jan 2020 item 11 when it was decided to create a Youth Committee in accordance with the SMART Targets for 2020 -*

It is hoped that both the involvement of young people in decision making and the formation and first meeting of a Youth Committee can now be taken forward.

- ii) Tuesday Christian Mindfulness Group – This small group, facilitated by the Rev Ian Bailey, with a contemplative style has recently been looking at secular and Christian decision-making.
- iii) Wednesday Bible Study Group (fortnightly) – This has been an interesting small group where people can be open and honest. It has now stopped for the summer.
- iv) Book Group on 'Phoebe' – the first round robin should soon be completed and returned to Sarah Thomas who will circulate it so the group can see the comments of all the readers and possibly add further comments.
- v) Ale & Arty Charity Festival (17th October or later) – Mark has approached "We Make Bristol" and if feasible, the Festival will go ahead as a lunchtime/afternoon event; we now need a deadline for the decision about feasibility.

12. Governance

APCM: It is proposed to hold the meeting on 4th October at 11.30am, and, if in church, preparing for a maximum of 60-70 people should be safe.

13. Finance

Treasurer's Report: David reported that a full year projection is in hand.

He reported that giving is holding up well, but there will be a significant fall in cash income this year, with no Hall bookings since the beginning of lockdown (although there might be a slight pickup in the second half of the year) and reduced income from Ale & Arty and other fundraising events. It is hoped Treasure Sunday will be successful again, but it was suggested that we should, if necessary, consider launching an appeal among church members.

14. AOB Dates of next meetings

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| PCC Thursday 24 th September 2020 | in church or on Zoom |
| APCM Sunday 4 th October 2020 | “ “ |
| PCC Wednesday 21 st October 2020 | “ “ |
| PCC Thursday 26 th November 2020 | “ “ |

- 15. The meeting closed with verses from the Benedicite, and the Grace.