

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, HENLEAZE



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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 24 September 2020 via Zoom

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

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

Secretary: Katharine Ford

Attendance 15 / 22 = 68%

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** - Mike Leddra led us in reflecting on the lockdown and its disappointments, and in prayer for the work of the PCC.
2. **Apologies for absence** - Apologies were received from David Fenna, Catherine Leask, Alistair Robinson, Jane Boyle, Emma Bolton, Sarah Thomas.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** - these were accepted.
4. **Matters arising** - A further book group is to be arranged for November. **MP & KD**

Extra Item - Approval of APCM documentation

The Annual Report for 2019 and Financial Statements were approved subject to the amendment of the inclusion of the names of Sarah Hardiman and Georgina Cope.

Other preparation for APCM is in hand.

MP

Finance Ministry (item 9 below)

Treasurer's Report

Parish Share for 2020 : Para. 2 of the Report requires PCC to confirm that the monthly instalments towards the £100,250 share should continue at the same rate, in the light of Covid. After some discussion, it was felt that we can confirm that these instalments should be met, but with the proviso that we may need to revise this later in the autumn depending on our ongoing financial situation. However, it was agreed that for the future we should make enquiries with the Diocese as to how their costs have been affected by Covid; it was felt their costs should be lower? Mark reported that the Diocese has a deficit, and he and Kandis confirmed that despite the lockdown, safeguarding measures and multimedia have been costing the Diocese a lot. It is hoped that some more information about their costs will be available.

MP & KD

Parish Share for 2021 : Para. 4 of the Report. The Diocese has requested the same sum as for 2020, ie £100,250; but a break even, and more realistic, share of £84,000 is put forward in this Report; this could be topped up if our position improves. This was generally agreed to be the right way forward.

Proposal That the PCC commit to £84,000, and if the position improves, to top this up appropriately. Proposed by Sandy Hollinghurst. Seconded by Pete Dyer. Agreed unanimously.

This decision to be communicated to the Diocese by 31 October 2020.

DF & MP & KF

Outreach : Para. 5 of the Report. It is accepted that fundraising will be less this year. In particular our Uganda partners rely on us, and it is suggested that Treasure Sunday on 22 November should appeal for donations towards Outreach. (See Para. 5 for details of options/amounts for outreach). After discussion it was agreed to follow the suggestions at 5.5.2 and 5.5.3.

Proposal That St Peter's hold a fundraising campaign on Treasure Sunday inviting specific Outreach Donations (Gift Aided if possible), all proceeds to be allocated to charities sponsored in 2019; and that we meet any shortfall by using our reserves.

Proposed by Mike Leddra. Seconded by Pete Dyer. Agreed unanimously.

DF & MP

CMS request for additional support for Anne Plested : it was felt that we have to reply to CMS that we are not in a position to provide any additional support at present.

MP

Halls News : Mike Leddra reported that he will return to work fully on 1st October (after furlough and some part time working). Over the summer, thanks to Emma Woodworth, there has been halls usage, with 3 new bookings, and we are deeply grateful to Emma for working so hard with hall users and managing safe use of the premise, and send her huge thanks, and also to Mike. As a result, if the current usage continues, there could be a surplus of about £5000.

5. Standing Committee

Vicar's part time appointment as Chaplain of QEH School. This role was offered to Mark in July, which he accepted, and the PCC would now like to record our full agreement to this appointment.

6. Planning Team Report

The Planning Team have discussed developing the work of governance, and the recommendation is for a Standing Committee to manage current short term issues : Vicar, Churchwardens, 2 PCC reps (2 out of Lay Pastor, Treasurer and site expert), Parish Administrator, PCC secretary and Treasurer ;

and a Strategy Team to identify and plan for longer term strategic matters to put to the PCC : Vicar, Churchwardens, Curate, LLMs, Lay Pastor and any others as appropriate.

If necessary because of the need to shield, the Pastoral input can be separated off.

It was felt that this pattern would be workable and setting up these two groups was agreed.

MP

7. Worship Ministry

Services. Mary said the current 10am service being available to the housebound is much appreciated : this will continue. Valerie commented that the Thursday 10.30 am service is also much appreciated. Wendy asked about young people coming into church and Kandis reported that this is planned : support for Simon will be needed and Kandis will also look at getting families involved. It is hoped that we can bring back a structure with a rota, as this is beneficial.

KD & MP & Youth Team

Item not discussed : The Worship Report accompanying the Agenda also referred to the Worship Committee which was to have been set up at the beginning of 2020 to consider developing our styles of worship, following the course which was widely attended during the autumn of 2019; Mark now proposes that this is not followed up – due to the effects of Covid and also other issues to do with providing leading/preaching opportunities.

Creationtide services – ongoing and working well.

Remembrance Sunday 8 November – any thoughts or suggestions about an act of remembrance with a silence are welcome.

Treasure Sunday 22 November– see Finance Ministry above.

Advent and Christmas – still under consideration.

8. Discipleship Ministry

The various Agenda headings give an update on discipleship. In addition

Henleaze Hospitality : Sandy reported that there are challenges which can be dealt with to do with the school's required use of technology. There is continued concern about language skills and integration for the parents, and also the need for paid employment for Abed. There will be continuing support for 3 years from the Council. The children are doing well and a new baby is expected.

SH & LT

Eco Silver Award : Sarah Hardiman reported that we just need to re-commit to being a Fairtrade Church, something which is ongoing widely at St Peter's already.

SH

Proposed by Sarah Hardiman, seconded by Valerie Bishop and carried unanimously.

House groups : The group run by Andrew Daunton-Fear is now able to meet monthly in the meeting room.

Bible Study : this is being planned by Mark and Kandis.

MP & KD

9. Finance Ministry - see above

10. Youth Ministry

Jane and Wendy reported that Monday evening sessions have restarted and are going very well.

11. Site Committee

Sarah Hardiman reported that the memorial bench has been approved by the Davis family and is on order.

A paid gardener has been engaged to do a tidy up of the grounds – weeding etc.

SH

12. Eco Committee - see above

13. Safe and Welcome Ministry - see report circulated by Georgina.

14. Pastoral and Healing Ministry – see report circulated by Mary.

15. Partnerships Abroad Ministry – see report circulated - Rev. Dr Joseph Bilal, South Sudan : our weekly news sheets are publicising the appeal for contributions for him to return to his family for Christmas.

16. Synod Reports – none at present.

17. AOB and Dates of next Meetings

AOB -

Christmas still needs discussion and input, given the continuing lockdown.

Noted that a new QR code for churches is now necessary - this has been done.

Next Meetings -

To help availability for PCC meetings it was agreed to vary the day of the week from now on.

**APCM - Sunday 4th October 2020 11.30 am meeting in church and on zoom
(October PCC meeting cancelled)**

Next PCC meeting - TUESDAY 24th November 2020 on zoom

The meeting ended at 9.25pm.