

**CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, HENLEAZE**



**Lives transformed through following Christ in love and service**

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting held on 24 November 2020 via Zoom**

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

	<b>Elected Members</b>	
<b>2020</b>	David Fenna (Treasurer)	Present
	Alistair Robinson	Present
	Jane Crawford	Present
	Elliot George	Present
	Emma Bolton	Apologies
<b>2019</b>	Mary Goronwy	Present
	Wendy Young	Present
	Mike Leddra	Present
	Georgina Cope (Nov. 19)	Present
<b>2018</b>	Valerie Bishop	Present
	Peter Dyer	Present
	Erik Dirdal	Present

Secretary: Katharine Ford

Attendance 17 / 20 = 85 %

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 Thomas who led us in two prayers from The Rhythm of Life : Celtic Daily Prayer.

**2. Apologies for absence** - Apologies were received from Sarah Thorne and Emma Bolton.

**3 - 4. Minutes of the last meeting & Matters Arising** - these were accepted with an amendment to paragraph 5 to clarify that if our finances only break even, or if there is a deficit on Halls income, there would not be a surplus.

**5. PCC membership -**

At the meeting Clare Fussell was elected to PCC : proposed by Lindsey Traub, seconded by Sarah Hardiman and carried unanimously.

Another new member elected at the APCM and welcomed to PCC was Elliot George.

David Fenna (Treasurer), on the expiry of his previous 3-year term, was also re-elected to PCC : proposed by Mark Pilgrim, seconded by Pete Dyer and carried unanimously.

**6. Standing Committee –** Mike Leddra’s furlough during the second lockdown was noted.

**7. Strategy Team Report –** at the inaugural meeting on 17 November, the team began to consider St Peter’s vision for 2026 ; this is the church’s centenary year, and January 2026 is also the date of the vicar’s retirement.

**8. Worship Ministry. Christmas Programme emailed before the meeting**

The family service in church on 1 November was much appreciated.

**Christmas 2020**

**‘In Search of Christmas’ trail :** Trinity Henleaze URC have invited St Peter’s to share in this trail which will consist of posters and QR codes for families to follow around the local area.

**Christmas Story Painting Trail and Quiz :** a display in church from 19 December.

**Christmas Card –** 2,500 A5 colour cards are to be printed commercially at a cost of £45. These will include service details – in church with 40 pre-bookable places and on zoom – and also details of a window display scheme, and a display of stars on the church railings : to be publicly announced by Kandis on Sunday 29 November. Mary also requested the inclusion of a Cairns Road Baptist Christmas trail.

**Christmas Services**

Christingle Service 13 December

Youth Service 20 December

Carol Service 20 December

Crib Service 24 December

8am Christmas Day Communion Service

10am Christmas Day Family Service

These services are still being planned, zoom or in church or both, and covid-safe details are being considered.

**MP KD**

**9. Discipleship Ministry**

- Henleaze Hospitality - The Ibrahim family have now welcomed their sixth child, Musa, and are well. Lindsey commented that another Syrian family is coming soon to live in North View and Abed Ibrahim is to do some work for them. **LT**
- Eco Committee - Sarah Hardiman and Clare Fussell reported that we have the Silver Award and now need to think about our energy provider and the following issues:  
*100% green energy :* David explained that we have an energy contract with the broker until May 2033, but agreed that he would follow up the possibility of opting for their green tariff.  
*Solar panels :* Clare advised that we should hold back, but could get information on this from other churches. Pete commented that solar panels had been considered previously but a Government grant scheme had been cancelled – but he pointed out that you have to generate the saving on the usage, and if usage is, as in the church’s case, night time or winter Sundays, this will not bring much monetary saving. Clare agreed to provide more information on this. **DF CF SH**
- Faith in Prayer - Emma Haggar will start a new group in December. **EH**
- Faith in Community - Having the church open has been appreciated. The display of 12 pictures for the Christmas Story Painting Trail and Quiz will be printed in-house and mounted on 19 December. **MP**
- Faith in Culture - The suggestion for the Book Group in January is ‘Gilead’ by Marilynne Robinson. **MP**
- Faith seeking Understanding – Groups on Jonah and Big Questions are meeting, and two regular housegroups are running.

**10. Finance Ministry**

David reported that there has been a good response to Treasure Sunday so far and it is likely that the target of £6000 will be exceeded. There is no detailed general financial update at present but it is anticipated that the

Halls may lose about £2000 ; last year the profit was £14,000. Our shortfall estimated at £8000 may now be £10,000, so we will go into the reserves, as planned and agreed. **DF**

**11. Youth Ministry.** *Youth Team Report and Footprints Report circulated.*

Kandis reported that the youth team is coming together, with young people helping ; more attention needs to be given to the youngest (pre primary age) children. Alistair thanked Megan and Elliot for their involvement – the fact that they are young has helped and has generated interest. Georgina asked about plans for the future and Kandis confirmed that the remit is to have the youth participating and it is hoped that will continue. **SC KD**  
Kathy and Sarah Hardiman reported that Footprints is going well, with 4 families, and with help from Zoe Brevan-Giles our new ordinand ; the group may expand in the New Year. **KK SH**

**12. Site Committee**

Sarah Hardiman outlined the arrangements for the garden/site maintenance contractors, who have done a good job. It was agreed that rather than have a contract we should employ them regularly, depending on finances. Mike commented that the back area gets filled with leaves and soil, and weeds are growing in the walls, and he suggested that the trees on the vicarage side of the site should be pruned back to solve this problem. **SH**

**13. Safe and Welcome Ministry.** *Report circulated.*

Georgina referred to her report : the DBS renewals queries have now been answered, and the dashboard will be completed in due course. **GC**

**14. Pastoral and Healing Ministry**

Mary is still ringing round and Sarah Thomas is helping with visiting. Sarah commented that the Healing Team is not meeting at the moment, but the opportunity for healing prayer in church is welcomed and this might be extended to the 8am service in due course. **MG ST**

**15. Partnerships Abroad Ministry.** *Appeal circulated.*

The Rosemary Paignton-Smith Fund holds £19,000. It was agreed that £1000 should be donated to the Uganda Appeal and decisions made later about the source of the donation. NB There will be more money coming in for outreach from Treasure Sunday; this is primarily intended for the 6 nominated charities, but there was a general feeling at the meeting that any surplus to the target amount could be used for other outreach. The Outreach Group will meet soon to discuss plans for next year. **MP ST CF DF**

**16. Synod Reports**

Sarah Thomas reported that the Deanery Synod met on zoom in October and considered two topics – what had been good and what had been hard in lockdown for churches, and plans for Christmas. Diocesan Synod heard about the financial shortfall across the Diocese and about the vision plan Bishop Viv has for next year. General Synod was ongoing at the time of the meeting, and the vision for the Church of England was being led by Stephen Cotterell, Archbishop of York.

**17. AOB and Dates of next meetings**

- Pete queried whether we have had a response from the Diocese about our Parish Share contribution of £84,000, but there has been no response yet because some churches have not met the end of October deadline.
- Clare noted that the Big Give scheme, whereby donations are matched during the first week of December, will apply, among other charities, to One25, one of our nominated charities.
- Dates of next meetings – Tues 26 January 2021 and Tues 23 March 2021.

The meeting ended with all saying the Grace.