

# PARISH CHURCH OF ST PETER, HENLEAZE, BRISTOL

## 95<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF PARISHIONERS and 95<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Sunday 23 May 2021 at 11:15 am in the Church and on Zoom

<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Vicar:	Revd Canon Mark Pilgrim
	Curate:	Revd Kandis Douglas
	Churchwardens:	Lindsey Traub
		Sarah Hardiman
	PCC Hon. Treasurer:	David Fenna
	PCC Hon. Secretary:	Katharine Ford

### **Welcome to the meetings and opening prayers**

The vicar, Revd Mark Pilgrim, as chairman, welcomed everyone to the two meetings, which included people gathered in Church and others attending via Zoom; he opened in prayer.

**Apologies** were received from Laurie and Julie Haynes, Kathy and Ewan Kilgour, Fay and Tony Dunn, and Mary Goronwy.

## **95<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF PARISHIONERS - MINUTES**

### **1 Election of two Churchwardens**

One Churchwarden was nominated at the meeting, Sarah Hardiman; a replacement for Lindsey Traub who now retires will be nominated shortly at an Emergency General Meeting of the PCC. Sarah Hardiman was duly re-appointed, and Mark thanked and congratulated her on her wonderful contribution as churchwarden. Sarah's term of office will end May in 2023.

Mark then gave a heartfelt vote of thanks to Lindsey Traub for her inspired and warm leadership all through her term of office: Lindsey replied that being churchwarden had brought her real enrichment.

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Secunder</b>
Sarah Hardiman	Sarah Thomas	Jane Crawford

The meeting of parishioners was then declared closed.

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## **95<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING - MINUTES**

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### **1 Report on the changes in the Church Electoral Roll since the Oct 2020 APCM**

At the October 2020 APCM, there were 191 people on the Electoral Roll, and by the end of December 2020 there were 192 ; changes since then, with four names being removed due to deaths and two new names added, result in 190 currently on the Electoral Roll.

## **2 Annual Report on the Proceedings of a. the Parochial Church Council and b. Church Activities**

Mark ran through the achievements of the Church documented in 2020's Review of the Year. Thanks to the work of the Eco Committee, we have gained the Church Silver Eco Award and are working towards the Gold. The work by Kandis and the Ministry Team has meant that worship has been provided on Zoom throughout the pandemic, and this has brought great opportunities for the 11am All Age services. Henleaze Hospitality, initially a 2-year commitment, is continuing long term with support for the Syrian family. It has been wonderful that the Open Church has provided opportunities for people to come in to enjoy the space and to pray – even a visitor from Cardiff! It is proposed to continue being open.

It was noted that there should be one correction in the Church attendance statistics : the number of confirmations in 2019 was 4.

Looking to the future, Mark reported that the mixed mode of services in Church and on Zoom will continue at 10am on Sundays. In 2026 St Peter's will celebrate its centenary, and the Strategy Team and Ministry Team have asked Ian Love to take on the curating of special events that year, including mounting a display : it will be helpful if any in the congregation who have been at the Church for some time can look through historic materials they may have, documents or artefacts, to lend for the display.

### **2c. Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

David Fenna could not be at the APCM because of the late change of date, but had provided notes which Mark presented; however, David can be contacted if there are any questions.

David's notes for 2020 report that income held up well, planned giving and gift aid increased, and Treasure Sunday 2020 donations outstripped the target of £6000. Legacies of £2,200 were received.

Building costs were down in 2020 but admin costs higher because of the need to improve broadband. Unrestricted funds have increased slightly, though on restricted we spent more than we brought in.

The higher Parish Share of £100,250 in 2020 was met, but for 2021, PCC committed to a lower sum of £84,000, owing to the lockdown financial uncertainty ; however this figure will be kept under review as the year goes on.

Our thanks go to Emma Woodworth and Mike Leddra for their hard work with Halls management, the loss in income over the year having been restricted to only £524.

Turning to the budget for 2021, this shows a projected shortfall of £3800. Outreach Grants are set to have a target of £6000 plus Peter Fund donations and £600 to CMS, so £6000 will need to be raised for a break-even budget.

David's thanks go to: Sue Cope, Chris Taylor, Emma Woodworth, Mike Leddra; Sub fund treasurers Mary Goronwy, Jan Dyer, Keith Bonham; Pete Dyer, Sarah Hardiman and Ian Perry; and also to Susan Fenna.

Mike Leddra gave a vote of thanks to Emma Woodworth for doing such a brilliant job with Hall bookings ; plenty of bookings have now come in.

Mark also thanked David for his years of excellent service as Treasurer, and announced he will be standing down as Treasurer at the end of 2021.

There were two questions to be followed up:

David Cottrell asked why the Parish Share for this year had been reduced from the Diocese's suggested figure, as funds were at a better level than before. Mark answered that this was precautionary at a time when income would be down, but that PCC had agreed to top up if

possible. David's question will be addressed in due course.

Hannah McKenzie queried the possibility that had previously been raised of changing our Bank from Lloyds to an ethical Bank, Triodos, and Mark replied that this has not been discussed at PCC but can be followed up.

### **3 Report on the Fabric and Goods of the Church**

Sarah Hardiman's Report shows the activity over the year, with ongoing maintenance of our Church and grounds : our thanks to all involved in the work.

### **4 Report on the Proceedings of the Deanery Synod**

The Bristol West Deanery Synod describes its relationship with the Diocese and the bigger themes we can explore together at Deanery level.

### **5 Election of members of laity to the Parochial Church Council**

Thanks to the following 2 nominees who were proposed and seconded; they were duly appointed. There were no other nominations.

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
Pete Dyer	David Fenna	Katharine Ford
Erik Dirdal	David Fenna	Katharine Ford

### **6 Election of members of laity to the Deanery Synod**

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
Sarah Thomas	Ricky Winn	Judy Winn
Kathy Kilgour	Joy Hollamby	Jenny Daunton-Fear
Sarah Thorne	Sarah Hardiman	Lindsey Traub

### **7 Appointment of Independent Examiner of Financial Accounts**

Our thanks to Will Evans, who was approved by the meeting to continue as Independent Examiner of the accounts, and who had examined and passed the accounts for 2020.

### **8 Any Other Business**

David Gilkes spoke to introduce himself and his wife who have moved to Bristol ; they visited the Church during lockdown and have been delighted to join, this being their first time at a service in Church. David said they have been impressed by the way St Peter's does things and have felt welcome. Mark mentioned that lots of connections with people and places have emerged since they came.

Ricky Winn thanked Mark and Kandis and the Churchwardens and everybody involved in the life of the church during the pandemic, and he quoted these words from the hymn by Marty Haugen:

"Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;

As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

All are welcome, All are welcome, All are welcome in this place."

### **9 Closing Prayers**      The meeting closed at 11.55 am in saying the Grace.

*Attendees (23)*

*Attending in Church*

*Mark Pilgrim  
Kandis Douglas  
Sarah Hardiman  
Lindsey Traub  
Valerie Bishop  
Jane Crawford  
Elliot George  
Megan George  
Alistair Robinson  
Mike Leddra  
Wendy Taylor  
David Gilkes  
Edith Gilkes  
Pete Dyer  
Sarah Thomas  
Sandy Hollinghurst  
Richard Winn  
Hannah McKenzie  
Neil McKenzie  
David Cottrell  
Sheila Cottrell  
Ian Perry  
Katharine Ford*

*Attending on Zoom (10)*

*Ian Cooper  
Wilma Gough  
Charlotte Taylor  
Chris Taylor  
Richard Jackson  
Sarah Thorne  
Pat Jackson  
Wendy Young  
Erik Dirdal  
Angela Hemingway*

*Reports circulated before the Meeting*

- *Minutes of APCM Oct 2020*
- *Annual Report 2020, with 3 Appendices*
- *Financial Statements of the PCC, to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020*