

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, HENLEAZE



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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 26 January 2021 via Zoom

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

	Elected Members	
2020	David Fenna (Treasurer)	Present
	Alistair Robinson	Present
	Jane Crawford	Present
	Elliot George	Present
	Emma Bolton	Present
	Clare Fussell	Present
2019	Mary Goronwy	Present
	Wendy Young	Present
	Mike Leddra	Present
	Georgina Cope	Apologies
2018	Valerie Bishop	Present
	Peter Dyer	Present
	Erik Dirdal	Apologies

Secretary: Katharine Ford

Attendance 18 / 21 = 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 Lindsey Traub who opened the meeting in prayer for our church and PCC during these difficult times.
- 2. Apologies for absence** - Apologies were received from Georgina Cope and Erik Dirdal.
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting** - These were agreed with an amendment to item 9 which should refer to May 2023.
- 4. Matters Arising** - There were none.

5. Standing Committee - The Committee met briefly on 12th January to review the current Covid situation. Mike Leddra reported that he is at present on full time furlough, and that Hall usage has been nil, although Home Instead are using the Hall on 27th and 28th January for training of new staff. Emma Woodworth had an enquiry but it fell through, and the message to us all is to do what we can to recruit potential Hall users.

6. Strategy Team Report - There has been no meeting of the Team, which will be reconvened in due course.

7. Bristol Diocese - PCC considered Bishop Viv's November letter to church and her online video, Transforming Church, calling us into the future. Sarah Thomas reported that this item had been on the last Deanery Leadership Team agenda, and that the Archdeacon will speak to the next Synod to start a discussion. Sarah Thomas commented that different churches are doing things differently in lockdown, and she also felt that although we are tired in lockdown, churches should not retreat into past routines as a result. Mark asked how we feel we should respond at St Peter's, given that many feel shell shocked because of Covid at the moment. Mary and others felt that having the Church open every day for private prayer was an important outreach. This can only be given restricted publicity, but it will now go on the website. People are coming into the open church, including recently a couple new to the area, and Mark has been able to make contact. It is felt that St Peter's is open in a welcoming and relaxed way, without asking visitors to fill in forms for Covid purposes. Mike reported that the Diocese are to look at the use of zoom to make church more accessible. Clare commented on how we have kept going at St Peter's with lots of new initiatives. Mark summed up that we keep on keeping on, that he is now using the tag "St Peter's : The Open Church," and that we can look at more ideas in due course.

8. Worship Ministry – The Resolution '**That this PCC agrees with the Vicar and Churchwardens' decision at the beginning of January to suspend regular services in church until they decide the Covid situation has improved sufficiently for services to resume**' was unanimously approved : this decision will be reviewed but no date can be set for this until the Covid situation becomes clearer.

- Christmas services - It was felt that all the services were much appreciated. The young people took part and are now being encouraged to be actively involved in teamwork and planning of youth events.
- St Peter's 'Open for prayer and reflection' – we no longer offer a Visitors' Book because of infection risk, but could develop a prayer board. Kandis suggested a QR code on Facebook ; we would need to offer both analogue and digital options.

MP & KD

There was also discussion about possibilities for visitors to make a donation; the online giving system will need to be fully downloaded and this will now be reviewed for future action.

DF & CF

9. Discipleship Ministry

- Henleaze Hospitality – Lindsey reported that the Ibrahim family are in good health and thriving, with the children at school and the baby doing well.
- Eco Committee – Sarah Hardiman reported that an information board for the wild garden is being professionally designed. Pauline Watkin is writing a booklet about the garden. Clare also commented that a new Eco Champion Network is planned, to be introduced at Deanery level.
- Prayer Group – Emma Haggar is leading this group at 2pm on Fridays fortnightly ; there have been three meetings.
- Tea-Time Prayer – Mark has started this group at 4.30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with the opportunity for fellowship, followed by using a short order of service for Evening Prayer.
- Open Church - There is currently a display on 'Psalm 23 Re-imagined' ; the display is accompanied by a soundscape playing intermittently through the day.
- Poetry and Prayer Contemplative Service – This takes place on the first and fifth Sundays.
- Book Group – This group will meet in February to discuss 'Gilead'. Mark suggested arranging a play reading on zoom.
- Also starting soon are six Lent art and poetry sessions, Lent Poetry, and a Lent Group based on the book 'The Resilient Disciple' ; two housegroups continue.

10. Finance Ministry : Treasure Sunday 2020 Report circulated

David Fenna reported that the accounts are in hand, but it is too early yet to confirm what our financial position is : unrestricted funds income and expenditure may have broken even, but restricted funds will show an overspend. The Halls show a loss of only £500.

David reported that Treasure Sunday 2020 had a very good outcome, exceeding the target amount (£6000) and bringing in a total of £9828 in financial gifts. Our Outreach partners have expressed their gratitude ; the Peter Fund is now back to the normal level of support. David added that £200 went to A Rocha in recognition of their help with Eco Church matters. For future Treasure Sunday fund raising, we should consider putting a cap on the amounts to be granted to our outreach partners. It was also reported that some people have increased their weekly giving and David will prepare a list of names for Mark so that thankyou letters may be sent out. **DF & MP**

11. Youth Ministry

- Youth Team Report - Kandis reported on the Youth Team meeting last week and on plans for service leading and for the Monday youth groups ; activities will need to get underway. Kathy Kilgour commented that it was good to see more participation and that the team had gelled.
- Footprints – Kathy explained that this has had to pause during the current lockdown, but she will follow up with the families as to how to proceed and how to be involved.

12. Pastoral & Healing Ministry – Mary continues with her pastoral ministry and Sarah Thomas reported that the Healing Team are held back by the Covid situation, but that prayer for healing is still being offered and may be extended to the 11am service.

13. Site Committee – No especial matters to raise.

14. Safe & Welcome Ministry - No recent report.

15. Synod Reports - No meetings have taken place.

16. AOB and date of the next meeting –

The date of the next PCC meeting has been changed to accommodate the Lent Group online sessions, so PCC will next meet on **Wednesday 24th March**.

The date of the APCM was set for **Sunday 16th May**.

This will take place either in church or on zoom, with decisions about timing and combining the meeting with a picnic or lunch to be confirmed.

17. Closing Prayer - Mark closed the meeting in prayer.