

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, HENLEAZE



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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 24 March 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	Apologies
Churchwardens	
Lindsey Traub	Present
Sarah Hardiman	Present
Deanery Synod Reps	
[Kathy Kilgour]	
Sarah Thorne	Apologies
[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	Present

Secretary: Katharine Ford

Attendance 17 / 21 = 80%

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 Wendy Young who led us in a prayer of thanksgiving for the continuation of church during lockdown.
- 2. Apologies for absence** Apologies were received from Kathy Kilgour, Georgina Cope and Sarah Thorne.
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting** These were accepted.
- 4. Matters Arising** There were none.
- 5. Standing Committee** The APCM will take place on Sunday 16th May and preparations now need to be made for this. The vicar asked for our prayers as he seeks to approach people who might be interested in taking

on the role of churchwarden which falls vacant when Lindsey Traub retires in May. Mark would be grateful for our input and suggestions, and there was a short time of prayer for this new appointment. **MP**

6. Strategy Team Report There had been no meeting recently.

7. Bristol Diocese We noted that St Peter's has received a thankyou letter re Parish Share 2020. The ongoing "Transforming Church" process has now been advertised in the weekly news sheets ; PCC reactions were that it was a good initiative, but the questionnaire asks people to rank different aspects of church life listed under subject headings and it was generally felt by those who have completed the questionnaire that this is frustrating, because all aspects are important in different ways. This point has now been made to the Diocese. Mark commented, with respect to the subject heading "Caring for the environment", that some young people feel that if they are going to get involved they would want the Church to have a better record on this. The website <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/living-in-love-and-faith-llf-half-day-conference-tickets-137277299097> advertises forthcoming Saturday events run by the Diocese, on 8 and 22 May, on "Living in Love and Faith" ; and these will be reviewed later on.

8. Worship Services in church are now ongoing on Sundays at 8am and Thursdays at 10.30am. At Easter there will be services on Maundy Thursday at 10.30am & 7.30pm, and Good Friday at 10am & 1.30pm, and either outside the church, or if wet inside, on Easter Day 10am – also at 8am & 7.30pm. Service details as to whether in person or online or both are in the weekly sheet. (There is a current problem to be resolved in that the camera in church does not focus well on zoom for streaming ; the decision has been taken not to use the firm A.P.I. in future). It is intended that the Easter Day family communion will be a prototype for the return to church ; part of this plan is in future to integrate the 10am services with the 11am youth services. **MP KD**

9. Finance see report and accounts circulated

Treasurer's Report :

Outcome for 2020

David was able to report that the Examiner has now approved the Statement of Financial Activities (accounts20). Income has held up well with the obvious exception of cash collections ; planned giving and gift aid increased - the response to Treasure Sunday 2019 had been very good. To make up for fundraising events that could not take place in 2020, there has been a good response to the appeal for donations for outreach, and legacies have also come in. There has of course been no income from weddings, funerals and church hire. St Peter's met the higher Parish Share 2020 and also gave to charities. Buildings costs have been down, and admin costs higher because of the need to improve broadband : the recabling has now been done, with one line to the hall and one to the vicarage. There are still issues with the audio-visual system on which we will need to do maintenance. Unrestricted funds have increased slightly, though on restricted, we spent more than we brought in. The loss for the halls has been restricted to £524. Overall, the church is a going concern for 2021.

Resolution : That this PCC is in favour of approving the Accounts 2020.

Proposed by Pete Dyer, seconded by Mike Leddra : All in favour.

Parish Share The share for 2021 is set at £84,000 and this will be kept under review.

Online Giving There is now a link for online giving on the website, which includes the QR code and an online giving form ; it was noted that another QR code can be added if required.

Contactless Giving There was discussion about whether we can safely leave out the card reader unattended in church for anyone visiting wanting to give online, and it was felt that it would be best just to leave out a notice showing the QR code details for people to use.

Garden Signboard The new signboard has now been paid for, with substantial donations towards the cost having been made.

All the financial details are given in the three finance reports circulated with the agenda.

Our thanks to David Fenna and our Examiner Will Evans.

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10. Discipleship : Creation Care see report and 'Going for Gold' document circulated

Clare Fussell reported on the Eco Church survey. She pointed out that the actions listed for the Silver award should be a regular occurrence and need to be maintained as we make additional plans towards the Gold. Pete Dyer asked about the details of our carbon footprint, which appear on the Diocesan returns done by the Administrator, and these can be supplied – to be requested from Emma Woodworth. There was discussion of the possibility of putting in solar panels, but on the hall roof any panels would be shaded by the church roof and on the church roof there would be little benefit for the expenditure incurred ; this subject to be discussed by the site committee very shortly.

Sarah Hardiman had outlined developments and plans regarding the church garden in the report circulated, and reported that the signboard is now up.

Mark said that the Eco Committee will be glad of further contributions and ideas.

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11. Discipleship see reports circulated

The initiatives listed on the agenda are ongoing ; updates are -

that the Lent group discussing The Resilient Disciple on zoom has 13 members,

that material for 'Thy Kingdom Come' in May has been produced by Kathy Kilgour,

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and that the next display in church, marking the season from Easter to Pentecost, will be going up soon.

12. Youth Ministry Kandis reported that the alternate Monday evening groups are going very well, using the themes from the 11am services. There has also been activity for the young people planting snowdrops at half term and delivering posies on Mothering Sunday. The youth will lead the Good Friday service at 10am on zoom. It was agreed that the youth are well engaged and Monday evenings provide fun and spirituality. Mark reported that it is hoped that the young people will do the "Transforming Church" questionnaire over the Easter holidays.

KD MP

A report on the Toddler group Footprints had also been circulated.

13. Pastoral & Healing Ministry Mary Goronwy continues to ring people who live alone. The weekly delivery of paper Weekly Sheet and other materials to attenders not online is being reviewed in the light of it now having run for 12 months. Those on the list now able to receive it online or pick it up from church are being encouraged to do so, with those still wanting it being invited to 'opt in'. 8am and 10am congregation members have told Mary that they feel more part of one parish, as a result of the zoom services accessible by phone as well as online, and it is hoped this can continue.

14. Site Committee Various issues have arisen and there is a meeting on 26th March when the committee will go through these and report back in due course.

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15. Safe & Welcome Ministry There is no report at present.

16. Synods see reports circulated for Diocesan and General Synods

Deanery Synod – Sarah Thomas reported that Archdeacon Neil Warwick talked through the "Transforming Church" questionnaire with members at synod. It is noted that St Peter's will host the next Synod in May, either in church or on zoom.

17. AOB and dates of next meetings –

Dates of next meetings

APCM : Sunday 16th May. TBC - whether only on zoom, or with restricted numbers in church and on zoom.

PCC meetings : **2021**, on Tuesdays 25 May, 20 July, 28 September, 23 November.

2022, on Tuesdays 25 January and 22 March.

18. Closing Prayer The vicar closed the meeting in prayer.