

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, HENLEAZE



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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 20th July 2021 via Zoom

Ex-Officio Members	
Clergy	
Rev Canon Mark Pilgrim	Present
Rev Kandis Douglas	Apologies
Lay Ministers	
Ian Love	Apologies
Sarah Thomas	Present
Kathy Kilgour	Present
Churchwardens	
Sarah Hardiman	Present
Kathy Kilgour	<i>Present</i>
Deanery Synod Reps	
Kathy Kilgour	<i>Present</i>
Sarah Thorne	Apologies
Sarah Thomas	<i>Present</i>
Diocesan Synod Rep	
Sarah Thorne	<i>Apologies</i>

	Elected Members	
2021	Pete Dyer 2021-24	Present
	Erik Dirdal 2021-24	Present
	Lindsey Traub 2021-24	Present
	<i>vacancy</i> 2021-24	-
2020	David Fenna Treasurer 2020-23	Present
	Alistair Robinson 2020-23	Apologies
	Jane Crawford 2020-23	Apologies
	Emma Bolton 2020-23	Present
	Clare Fussell 2020-23	Present
2019	Mary Goronwy 2019-22	Present
	Wendy Young 2019-22	Present
	Mike Leddra 2019-22	Present
	Georgina Cope Nov 2019 - 22	Apologies
	Elliot George (elected 2020 -22) <i>replacing Catherine Leask - retired 2020</i>	Present

Secretary: Katharine Ford

Attendance 15 / 20 = 75%

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 David Fenna who led us in a prayer for God's guidance through the evening's Agenda.

2. Welcome and apologies for absence Mark welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Jane Crawford, Alistair Robinson and Sarah Thorne.

There had been two vacancies on PCC after the APCM and Lindsey Traub has now taken up one of these places. Lindsey's nomination was proposed by Wendy Young, seconded by Sarah Thomas, and she was duly elected.

3. Minutes of the last meeting These were approved.

4. Matters Arising Any discussion about hire of the Hall to non-Christian faith groups is deferred until the need arises. It was suggested, and agreed, that if this situation arises, we should hold an extraordinary PCC meeting to reach a decision, in order to speed things up, as Mark feels this must be a PCC decision.

5. LLM Licence Kathy Kilgour has now completed 6 years as a Licensed Lay Minister, and this now comes up for renewal ; this was unanimously agreed.

6. Standing Committee Report The meeting on 18th June had made the necessary arrangements, in view of the continuing covid restrictions, for Patronal Festival on 4th July.

7. Strategy Team Report circulated

The Report covered issues concerning

- **developments for worship as the covid restrictions continue** (see item 8 below)
- **two specific proposals : creation of a “Henleaze Hub” on Henleaze Road and creation of a new space within the church building**

Henleaze Hub is not now able to proceed as the property identified is no longer on the market ; Ewan Kilgour joined the meeting briefly to explain that an agent had been dealing with the lease, but that now a private landlord has acquired the freehold. Rents for other units on Henleaze Road are too high. However, the idea was welcomed. The project would need to be joint with Trinity Henleaze URC. It was also suggested for further consideration that the St Peter’s lower office could be used for this purpose.

A new space within the church building would be to provide a hospitality area, and would be designed to retain heat ; so it would be an outreach to the community, and would have an Eco dimension in saving on heating.

There was discussion about

- Division of the church : the effect on Sunday worship and the ambience of the church
- Whether to use the north or south aisles, taking into account access from The Drive to the south aisle and the position of the existing servery in the north aisle : or whether to use the Lady Chapel, and glaze this, for warmth, for services (- could also consider secondary glazing of the Lady Chapel window, or East window)
- The considerable initial financial outlay – but the possibility of an income stream being generated
- The Fire Regulations / Emergency Exit Regulations etc
- The provision of a potential evening letting space
- What we would be trying to achieve, as new outreach could be through the alternative means of a Henleaze Hub : the need to step back and understand what our requirements are

Related to this, Clare suggested we get a push button for the south door, which is difficult for some, and Pete agreed to find out more from a firm used previously. **PD**

It was agreed that the Strategy Team will continue to research and consider these matters, as a first step, and any feedback – comments or photos – from other churches who have done something similar would be welcome - (Christ Church Clifton and Emmanuel in the Centre were mentioned).

Strategy Team

8. Worship Report circulated

Mark stressed the need to move slowly. Developments for services can start small and build during August and September, as attendance is monitored. Everything will need to be kept under review.

It was felt that mask wearing could continue to follow the cautious approach which is widespread currently, so that people could feel comfortable with or without a mask, providing social distancing is maintained.

Regarding starting singing, it was felt that we should designate the front seats of the church for those who will sing, and the seats behind for those who do not wish to sing.

The giving and receiving of communion was also discussed. As explained in the Report, this is a complex area ; it was proposed that we should make it possible for the congregation to receive the wine by the president dipping each wafer before it is received - intinction.

Resolution : The giving of a dipped wafer by the president as communion is administered to each person be approved.

Proposed by David Fenna and seconded by Pete Dyer : there were none against and this was carried.

9. Finance Report circulated

David Fenna reported that, using the financial position as at 30 June, he has made a projection to the end of the year. Outreach has not been projected so high this year as last, but, with caveats, he hopes we could both pay our £6,000 Outreach grants (out of income) and increase the Parish Share by around £7,000, whilst achieving a neutral result (i.e. no dipping into reserves). This would bring the Parish Share total to £91,000.

There will be a stewardship appeal on Treasure Sunday in November, when Kandis will preach and will include asking people to review their planned giving. **KD**

Cash/envelope giving has fallen off, but Treasure Sunday can also appeal for one off donations. However we need to reinforce contactless giving, especially when the opportunity arises at certain services or events. **DF**

It was also suggested that Newslink could contain some information about our outreach charities, and Kathy Kilgour has now taken on the compiling of Newslink. **KK**

Resolution : A Parish Share increase of £7,000 spread over the months June to December 2021 be approved.

Proposed by David Fenna, seconded by Pete Dyer : all in favour.

Since the meeting this increase has been implemented and the Diocese have responded with gratitude.

10. Discipleship

Faith Seeking Understanding

The 'Living in Love and Faith' Autumn Programme was outlined by Sarah Thomas : this Church of England initiative is to examine non-conventional marriage by exploring the theology around marriage and listening to stories; the course has been emotionally and intellectually taxing. She recommends the Autumn Programme, which will consist of groups of five people meeting for five sessions, with a reporting back process each time : it has to be completed by the end of the year, to go to the House of Bishops in January 2022. The course will involve watching videos and using other material; this can be done at home, or on church premises.

Facilitators are needed, which will involve a morning course to train ; please contact Sarah if interested in taking up this role. **ST**

Mark will prepare a flyer with the necessary information : to take place in September/October. **MP**

Faith in Action

The Eco Committee will be having a meeting on Tuesday 27th July and will report to PCC next time.

The Committee have put in for the Church Times 'Green Showcase'.

11. Youth Ministry Footprints Report circulated

It has been decided that Footprints will now stop during August, for the summer, as numbers would be low.

AOB

Pete Dyer reported that the projector engineers have been into the Hall and upgraded the HDMI and made a link so that the sound can now be controlled from the projector handset; it is just necessary to plug in the HDMI cable.

David Fenna reported that we have received a legacy of £500 from Muriel Newell.

The meeting then ended in prayer.

The dates of the next meetings are Tuesday 28th September & Tuesday 23rd November.