

**CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, HENLEAZE**



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

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 25 January 2022**

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

	<b>Elected Members</b>	
<b>2021</b>	Pete Dyer 2021-24	Present
	Erik Dirdal 2021-24	Present
	Lindsey Traub 2021-24	Present
	<i>vacancy 2021-24</i>	-
<b>2020</b>	David Fenna 2020-23	Present
	Alistair Robinson 2020-23 Treasurer 2022	Present
	Jane Crawford 2020-23	Present
	Emma Bolton 2020-23	Present
	Clare Fussell 2020-23	Apologies
<b>2019</b>	Wendy Young 2019-22	Present
	Mike Leddra 2019-22	Present
	Georgina Cope Nov 2019 - 22	Present
	Elliot George (elected 2020 -22) <i>replacing Catherine Leask - retired 2020</i>	Present
	<i>vacancy 2019-2022</i>	-

Secretary: Katharine Ford

Attendance 15 / 19 = 78%

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** Thankyou to Emma Bolton who led us in an opening prayer for the meeting and for our contribution to the life of St Peter's.
- 2. Welcome and apologies for absence** Apologies were received from Sarah Hardiman, Clare Fussell and Kandis Douglas.
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting** These were accepted and signed.
- 4. Matters Arising** There were none.

## 5. Standing Committee

Parish Administrator hours : - it was proposed to increase Emma Woodworth's hours by one hour a day to provide initial support for Alistair, our new Treasurer. Over time, the need for this may decrease.

**Resolution : The above increase in hours was proposed by Alistair Robinson, seconded by David Fenna: all in favour.**

Variations to Committee structures : - Mark needs to make some changes, partly due to the sad loss of Mary Goronwy before Christmas ; and therefore

- there will now be a new Committee / Leadership Team consisting of Clergy, Churchwardens, and Licensed Lay Ministers ; this will cover forward planning strategy and pastoral matters;
  - there will also be a new Church Centre Committee to check and review use of the buildings.
- Secretarial support will be decided on in due course.

## 6. Goals and Targets 2022 - circulated

Mark commented on the Goals and Targets table, which will be for the Leadership Team to review and act on, and invited comments. Alistair asked about any plans relating to the Sunday morning congregation – ie goals to increase numbers and youth attendance. Mark pointed out that new people are coming, but agreed to consider this aspect. Lindsey commented that she felt we are good at retaining young families. Mark will now put the table up in church, with target dates added.

## 7. Vision 2026 - circulated

Mark had prepared a draft leaflet for our Centenary, "Discerning St Peter's Vision 2026 : Henleaze Hub". The vision is to create and develop a Henleaze Hub in which Christians work in partnership with others to enable the neighbourhood to flourish by promoting physical, mental and spiritual health within and beyond its area.

PCC members were invited to discuss their reactions to the draft leaflet in small groups, and comments /suggestions were then shared as follows:

- Prioritisation needed – the 5 strands present a lot of possible projects and it would be good to focus on a core of things that we could do successfully and SMART-ly.
- Make it clear before it goes public whether it represents firm proposals or not. Mark felt it is not final yet, but "on the way".
- The church is in a good location, with parking, though off the beaten track : but we need to be clear how we think Henleaze Hub could meet the needs of the community? - However, the Hub would hope to bring people from the community in, and to create sustainability.
- A swap shop is impressive, but more practical details about the setting up and running of it would be welcomed. Mark felt the small room below the Parish Office would be suitable.
- Re children and young people, we would need to work out what, practically, we want to happen. Mark hoped that the wider Christian community might get on board with this. (One comment was that Strand 3 did not quite fit in with the rest of the leaflet.)
- Parish Nursing would need more detail : Mark explained that the nursing could be provided either, if funding can be found, for paid nurses or, if volunteers are available, by volunteers. Discussion with John Moore has established that Home Instead employs people with similar skills: the possibility of someone working part time for Home Instead (paid) and Parish Nursing (paid or unpaid) is not inconceivable.
- The layout could be re-formatted so as to integrate the visuals with the text.
- The hard copy leaflet would need to show links to websites.
- Considerable signage and publicity would be needed in the long term.
- Would the finalised leaflet be for St Peter's church congregation, or for outside the church?
- Re projects listed - other places are already doing these things (eg scoop shop) – so we could instead use the links we already have and do the things we can do, eg Traidcraft sales. However, as above, a Hub would exist to bring people in and create sustainability, and to use outside businesses, eg as we do for Ale & Arty.

Mark thanked the meeting for the feedback and he will reissue the leaflet in due course.

## 8. Worship

Masks are encouraged on Sunday mornings, and we will keep up-to-date with Government rule changes. Messy Church starting on Sunday February 20<sup>th</sup> monthly at 4pm will be initially led by Anthea Anthony and Zoë Braven-Giles (ordinands) ; PCC welcomed this, and noted that these leaders will need to sort out future additional helpers, possibly from among the older youth. The Rosemary Paignton-Smith Fund could be used for any funding needs.

## 9. Discipleship

Open Church/ Saturday mornings:- The sessions will need to be regularly and more prominently publicised : notices in the weekly sheet, and a big sign outside church for 24 hours from Friday mornings.

Living in Love and Faith:- The Area Dean may announce how this course is to be run – or - it will be presented as a Lent group course. Sarah Thomas reported that doing the course can be easier with a mix of people who are less familiar with each other, but it is very good.

Book Group:- Mark will shortly suggest dates for a discussion of 'Humankind' by Rutger Bregman. He is also considering, for daily reflections in Lent, a book on Shakespeare and the Bible.

Eco Committee (Report circulated) :- The Committee aim to achieve the Gold award this year, which will involve completing a 'Going for Gold' spreadsheet. Pete reported that he has made a start with working on the church's carbon footprint ; he has the figure for 2019, but not for 2020 (when only gas usage was recorded).

Henleaze Hospitality:- Lindsey reported that the Ibrahim family are well, with reading assistance going smoothly ; Abed is working, though this is not regular, and is continuing with his English lessons.

## 10. Youth and Children's Ministry

The Monday evening group now includes all ages every week, which means that the older youth do not have their own group.

## 11. Finance

Thanks to Alistair who now takes over from David with support from Emma Woodworth. David reported that he is still working on the 2021 tax details. The Outreach target of £6000 has been disbursed. The December Outreach Appeal had a good response, requiring a top up from general funds of only £1660. Treasure Sunday produced 58 responses, with 44 people increasing their giving. The Hall made a substantial £7000 contribution to church funds in 2021. Mark thanked David for all his work on finance.

## 12. Pastoral and Healing Ministry )

13. Site Committee ) These items were not discussed at the meeting.

## 14. Communications and Publicity )

## 15. Safe and Welcome Ministry

Georgina reported that ten DBS checks are in process. She queried whether this would be necessary for volunteers at YESSS (Youth Events) but Mark said that, while St Peter's remains a partner, Westbury Park United Parish is now legally solely responsible for the Youth Project.

16. Synod Reports There have been no recent Synod meetings to report.

## 17. AOB

**Uganda** : Sarah Thomas reported on very recent news from Uganda. She received the end of year report from Janani Luwum College, who will reopen in May ; our financial contribution will be used for building a new library. Schoolgirl pregnancies in Nebbi Diocese are very worrying, due to covid and lack of safe environments for girls, who will be unlikely to return to education. Sarah will put out an appeal for donations now and in Lent, to help the situation : the appeal is Deanery-wide and the target is £7,000. Mark closed the meeting in prayer.

**Date of next PCC meeting : Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022**