

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, HENLEAZE



Lives transformed through following Christ in love and service

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 25 May 2021 via Zoom

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

	Elected Members	
2021	Pete Dyer	Present
	Erik Dirdal	Present
2020	David Fenna Treasurer	Present
	Alistair Robinson	Present
	Jane Crawford	Apologies
	Emma Bolton	Present
	Clare Fussell	Present
	Elliot George 2 year term	Present
2019	Mary Goronwy	Present
	Wendy Young	Present
	Mike Leddra	Apologies
	Georgina Cope Nov. 2019	Present
	(Catherine Leask - retired 2020)	

Secretary: Katharine Ford

Attendance 16 / 20 = 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 Thanks to Kandis who led our opening prayers.

2. Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Jane Crawford and Kathy Kilgour. Mark welcomed ordinands Matt White and Rob Cromwell, both on placement from 6 June to 4 July. Mark also announced the good news that Kathy Kilgour has agreed to take on the vacant churchwarden role ; her election will take place at an Extraordinary General Meeting on 9 June at 8pm in Church and on zoom.

3. Minutes of the last meeting These were agreed.

4. Matters Arising There were none.

5. Standing Committee Report See agenda item 8 for discussion on Buddhist Group, Footprints, and Patronal Festival.

6. Strategy Team

Plans and proposals for the 2026 centenary celebration will be brought to PCC in due course. All were in favour of Ian Love's appointment to curate this event.

7. Bristol Diocese

The 'Transforming Church' initiative has had lots of responses from around the Diocese, and Clare said that it is hoped to put out a report by early July.

For the Church of England's 'Living in Love and Faith' initiative on identity, relationships and sexuality, the Diocese is asking for small group participation, to which it is hoped St Peter's will commit. Kandis and Sarah Thomas are part of the facilitation group. Groups at St Peter's will get underway in September. After that, General Synod and the House of Bishops will issue guidelines. Mark suggested that possibly they may decide there should be flexibility for churches as to how they handle issues which arise on identity and sexuality and same sex couples.

8. Discipleship

Faith in Community

'St Peter's: The Open Church' - There will be a new display in Church from Sunday 30 May to the end of June on the theme of Celebrating Diversity in poems and art.

Patronal Festival Sunday 4 July - There was discussion about what can be planned given that the position on covid restrictions being lifted is still uncertain ; but we do have outside space we can use – the carpark, the church lawn, and Mark offered the Vicarage garden. It is hoped that we may be able to have a lunch outdoors, picnic or barbecue. That day, there will be services at 8am and 10am; and at 6.30pm, a Festival of Praise is planned jointly with Trinity Henleaze United Reformed Church – outdoors, to enable singing. For Patronal weekend, people will also be invited to contribute mini gardens to a large garden display in the grounds ; this will be a part of the next Church display in July, 'What's going on at St Peter's?'

Kandis is being priested on Saturday 3 July and will preside at Communion for the first time on 4 July.

Buddhist group enquiry - The Buddhist group have now found another venue for their meetings so the immediate issue on booking the Hall no longer arises. Because the emailed agenda and relevant discussion points had also not reached several PCC members, it was deemed appropriate to defer this discussion to a future occasion.

Footprints - Four families are attending at the moment and they appreciate the group. Raised beds given by Busy Bees to Rainbows are being used. For the future, Sarah Hardiman reported on plans to make a ramp so that the children could meet in the Hall and also have safe access to outside. Sarah and Kathy have applied to the Co-op for a Community Fund grant for this work, to be considered in October, and could be carried out next April.

Faith Seeking Understanding

Joint group sessions with Trinity Henleaze URC will continue, in Advent, rather than at Creationtide when we will be involved in 'Living in Love and Faith' groups.

Faith in Prayer

The next prayer for the parish meeting will be on the afternoon of 20 July, before PCC in the evening. Our thanks to Kathy Kilgour for providing resources for Thy Kingdom Come.

Faith in Culture

Mark will be suggesting a date for the next Book Group meeting.

Faith in Action

Clare said that the Eco Committee will shortly be meeting and will then report. Rev John White of St Mary's Stoke Bishop and Hazelnut Church has been invited to preach at Creationtide. Plans for the art installation to come from Hazelnut Church are underway. A film night series might also be planned. Mary suggested that the Craft Group could be involved if they can work to an Eco theme.

Henleaze Hospitality – Lindsey said that we have now gone beyond the original 2-year time commitment and are following the family in their development – helping with reading, and with Abed's English which is progressing well, mediating on issues that come up, and helping generally with the children.

9. Worship

Services continue in Church and on zoom. Mark reported that last Sunday the streaming did not work until half way through, and Kandis explained that this was because the configuration was wrong on the iPad – this has been put right so the problem should not arise again. Church services are still under restrictions on numbers, and singing is still not permitted - until the Government-set review date of 21 June. Kandis reported that the young people will meet again at the 10am service after half term on 13 June : the intended pattern of meeting in the Hall and returning to the Church at Communion will be on a 5-week trial.

10. Youth Ministry

Youth on Monday nights is going well, with Biblical content and activities, and the support has been much appreciated, especially the study packs given out for those doing exams.

11. Pastoral & Healing Ministry

Mary's report gives details of this, and Mary added that she is now phoning just those who live alone.

12. Site Committee

The PAT testing has been done and any problems put right. Pete reported that he is waiting on the roofer re the water leak into the office; after that work is done, redecoration will be needed. Kandis proposed that we should send our thanks to Phil Hodgson, who has given us voluntary help with our sound and video systems, and a message of thanks from Mark and Kandis will accordingly go to him shortly.

13. Finance

It was noted that at the APCM, David Cottrell had queried PCC 's decision to commit to a lower Parish Share given our current funds, and this had been followed up by an email from him detailing past and present amounts we hold in our unrestricted reserves. Mark has replied to explain PCC's cautious approach, given the large loss of hall income in 2020 which was expected, fairly accurately, to continue into 2021, and to add that unrestricted reserves rarely get brought into the reckoning when thinking about annual income and expenditure fluctuations. David Fenna confirmed that despite continuing lockdown this year, we should still review the Parish Share at the half year (30 June), but David said that it is too early to say now if we can consider an increase.

14. Safe & Welcome Ministry

Georgina reported that training is in progress and that more roles now require training. Georgina put up a document on screen showing the requirements. She will now need to review the training list and will meet with Mark to establish the people she needs to approach. There is a new course on Pastoral Care, Confidentiality and Confession (S2) which pastoral visitors should do, as well as the Safeguarding Foundation course (C1). A Diocesan Training Strategy has been adopted for 2020 – 2023. Georgina is now working on the Parish Dashboard and will be looking at our noticeboards in Church to find the details she needs to add.

15. Synod Reports

Deanery Synod met last week, when Mark and Kathy led a reflection on inclusion ; the meeting divided into small groups to discuss 'What do we mean by church?' and to explore the opportunities created by the lockdown to be more open. Mark noted that this year, there are elections to Diocesan and General Synods.

There was no other business, so the meeting then ended in prayer.

Next meetings : EGM on 9 June to elect a Churchwarden : PCC meetings on 20 Jul, 28 Sept, & 23 Nov.