

PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY, REDBOURN

MINUTES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING HELD BY ZOOM ON THE 14TH OCTOBER 2020

Present: The Vicar Deni Ennals Daphne Fisher Celia Forbes David Forbes
 Ailsa Hulme Sarah Hill Jim May Sue May John Davie
 David Mitchell Michelle Parry-Slater Lesley Poulter Alan Simkins
 Kay Vernon Paul Vernon David Walker Clive Williams Mike Wood
 Brian Hayward Stephen Gell Safeguarding Officer Jan Lang

Apologies for Absence: Keith McAdam Julia Jeffs Ralph Goold

The Vicar opened the meeting with a prayer at 8.22 pm. The Vicar welcomed Jan Lang to the meeting and the new members of the PCC.

1) Minutes of the PCC Meeting held 8th July 2020

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record and there were no matters arising.

2) Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting held 2nd September 2020

The meeting had been brought forward to the 2nd September so as to allow time before the APCM. There was nothing arising from the minutes.

3) Post APCM Business

Will explained the levels of authority within the set up of the Church of England, from the Arch Bishops down to the PCC Members, and the workings of the PCC.

Officers

Keith McAdam - Lay Co-Chairman	Proposed by D. Mitchell	Seconded by B. Hayward
Celia Forbes - Secretary	Proposed by D. Mitchell	Seconded by Sue May
Treasurer - Mike Wood	Proposed by D. Mitchell	Seconded by D. Forbes

All the above were elected nem con.

Chairpersons of Sub Committees

Ancillary Buildings	Jim May
Stewardship	Vacant at present
Youth	Ailsa Hulme
Charitable Finance	Stephen Boffey (Stephen Gell to report to PCC)
Churchyard	David Swift (David Forbes to report to PCC)
Friends of St Mary's	Julia Jeffs, David Mitchell

Above Proposed by: John Davie Seconded by: Kay Vernon Passed: Nem Con

4) Ministry and Worship

We have been able to hold services for weddings, funerals, evening and morning prayer, although within safety guidelines. Since the 26th July, the 9.30 am service was held in the open in the churchyard. There have been very good attendances and the numbers have not been restricted. There have been some new people attending which has been good. The outside services have involved a lot of setting up and clearing up, and we are very grateful to all those who have helped with this.

Now that the autumn has arrived we have started to have a 5pm Saturday Eucharist in church, with a permitted number attending. This service is being filmed and used as the on-line Sunday service. We also have Sunday worship at 8 am and 9.30 am. The congregations have been asked to commit to attendance at a particular service so as not to skew the numbers. Thanks to Jim and Sue May for organising this.

Forthcoming Services

All Souls - 1st November will be led by Sue May

Remembrance – 8th November will be led by David Forbes

The above services will be used for our on-line offerings.

There will be no service as such at the war memorial, but there will be prayers offered, suitably distanced, and no refreshments afterwards. We await confirmation of the arrangements from the Parish Council.

Advent Carols – 29th November, **9 Lessons & Carols** – 4th Sunday of Advent – On line only.

No Crib Services this year. **Christingle** – maybe offer a DIY kit for youngsters to make their own Christingles with instructions on line.

Christmas Eve – 11.30 pm **Christmas Morning** – 8 am and 10 am (also on line) It maybe necessary to offer another service also if the numbers wishing to attend dictate.

Lights of Love – It is unlikely that this will be possible this year.

5) Treasurer's Report

Mike had circulated the budget summary prior to the meeting, which he also explained for the new PCC members. Our finances are holding up well, mainly in response to Will's letter to members. Direct receipts have continued as normal, but collections to the offertory plates in cash or blue envelopes have been much less. Our Parish Share has been paid in full, and we heard the good news that the Diocese is planning to ask us for £5000 less next year. We have money in deposit account, but the sums we withdrew last year need to be replenished.

6) Safeguarding

Jan Lang had provided lengthy details of policies to be signed off as required. Jan drew everyone's attention to the responsibilities of PCC Members. There were no changes to be made from last year's policies apart from the dates.

Adoption proposed by: Ailsa Hulme Seconded by: Stephen Gell Passed: Nem Con

Some Training still needs to be done and the Parish Dashboard has been updated to track progress. There has been little in the way of activities for the young people and the older members. Everyone needs to have had a DBS check, and to take an on-line CO course, which, once completed, lasts for three years. All procedures for safeguarding are listed on the Diocesan website, and Jan Lang has sent over a link to the site. This will be sent round separately as it is something that should be kept available rather than just minuted.

The Risk Assessment needs to be signed off each year.

The above was proposed by: Kay Vernon Seconded by: John Davie Passed: Nem Con

7) Youth

All youth groups have been cancelled since the start of lockdown. Teddy Tots have continued to meet outside and have transformed themselves into Forest Tots for the colder weather. The Junior choir have been contributing to the on-line recordings, and have also held a cake sale for our charity. It is hoped that the older children will be able to engage in some joint activities soon.

8) Charitable Finance Committee

The current circumstances have resulted in little activity. Two concerts were given by the Camerata Quartet, and the Junior Choir have held a cake stall. It is planned to hold a sale of craft work etc on the 28th/29th November.

Mpapwa - we have sent them £3200 which has been used for a land survey to identify a suitable site, and GK Water Experts have also done a survey and identified a possible site for a bore hole. We have been thanked for our support and we are aware that we should try to raise another £6800. We have informed the Diocese that we will be unable to fulfil our commitment this year. We will continue to have the same charity for next year as well.

9) Churchyard

A report was circulated prior to the meeting. All the helpers were thanked for their efforts

10) Ancillary Buildings Committee

A short note had been circulated and there was nothing further to report.

11) Stewardship Committee

Nothing to report.

12) Fabric

Clock - Smiths of Derby have a part on test. Gas leak in the vestry has been dealt with and heating is now switched on.

The new Mothers' Union Banner does not require an Arch Deacon's letter of approval and can be dealt with under Schedule A. The Fabric Group will be told they may proceed.

13) Any Other Business

Deni drew attention to the fact that many are in food poverty at this time. It was suggested that a card be produced for sale at say, £5 and the proceeds used to buy food/toys etc for small hampers. We will take this on board.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with the Grace at 10.23 pm.

Next Meetings

11th November - Standing Committee

9th December - Full PCC

Both these meetings will be confirmed at a later date as it may not be necessary to have both.