



## Minutes of the Zoom meeting of the PCC

held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021

<b>Present:</b>	Jonathan Ward, Rector	Sybil Andrew
	Marc Bassot	Bill Derham
	Lenka Ellmann	Sarah Fletcher
	Richard Ford	Sally Munns
	Annette Pinnell	Martin Pinnell
	Jeff Seabrook	Penny Seabrook
	Louise Stockdale	Jeremy Tagg
	Philippa Tagg	Karen Williams

An apology was received from Sarah Morgan.

### 1. Services and Covid

A discussion was held as to the safety precautions still deemed necessary. Masks should still be worn and the congregation be politely reminded of this. After coffee has been collected people should be encouraged to move away from the coffee area. It was suggested that a reminder of all this be posted up on the screen, also that spare masks are available in the porch.

These precautions will remain in place up to Christmas. After this, things may change according to circumstances.

### 2. Christmas Activities

**Carols in the Park** – Alison is keen that this takes place and **St. John's will talk with her re the involvement of the church.**

**Midnight Communion** – this will take place as usual. Numbers tend not to be too big for safety.

**Messy Christmas** – it was agreed that this was a very good activity and Angela has already formed a team of people. A conversation needs to take place re social distancing and a risk assessment undertaken. The suggested date is 11<sup>th</sup> December.

**Christmas Lunch** – there are generally a good number of vulnerable people coming to this event. Questions were raised re possible volunteer numbers, car transporting, availability of the Assembly Rooms. It was felt that it would be more appropriate, as last year, to distribute a card and bag of goodies to those living on their own.

**Carol Service** – various issues were raised and discussed. Numbers would have to be limited so the PCC felt it would be safer to hold 2 carol services (this was considered last year), subject to whether Paul thinks this is viable. It was noted that this might be a big ask for choir members and musicians. Cleaning would have to take place between the 2 services and fresh booklets made available for each (this was thought preferable to having words up on the screen). It might be possible for this service to be available on line after the service.

**Jon will talk with Paul and the Wardens re capacity, then devise a booking system (although it was felt that room should also be made for those just turning up.) This will be advertised on the website and on ChurchSuite.**

**Christingle** – we already have 2 services – at 3.00 and 5.00. **It was agreed to follow the same pattern this year** but numbers must be restricted. The PCC also discussed the issue of distributing the Christingles. It was agreed to offer small packets of sweets in the porch on departure and not to have any sweets on the oranges. Having subdued lighting would mean that fewer candles would be needed. It was pointed out that the candles should last through the 2 services.

**Jon will produce publicity on the Christmas Services to be distributed round the parish in early December.**

### 3. Updates

**Families' Worker** – Jon has met with someone called Kirsten who approached him re this post although the deadline had passed. Jon was very encouraged, she has a varied experience and would make for a strong candidate.

He will keep her posted as to our plans for re-advertising.

The PCC needs to decide whether we keep the specification we have or should we advertise for a Youth Worker? As other churches are also looking should we move fast?

Kirsten had indicated that New Year timeframes worked quite well for her. Jon has talked with the Diocese re the reasons for zero response – it would seem that training is an issue as there are currently not enough trained people seeking these posts. The Diocese is looking into this – perhaps training on the job? This discussion is to continue.

**Church Hall** – some good news - Vision Homes has now applied for planning permission to build 7 dwellings and a “church hall” on the basketball court. Jon understood that there was no cost involved for the church, but the finer details around ownership, etc are yet to be worked out. The time frames were also unknown, but Jon will share the ‘rough’ plans that he received.

**Parish Share** – our offer has been accepted by the Diocese

4. **Expenses for Discussion** – we have enough funds to cover these - Lenka reported that we are now in a slightly better financial position – grants of £18,000 for the lighting project

have been received and VAT has been refunded. £1,600 + VAT is on hold for a year.

**New Keyboard (c£1570)**- it was agreed to replace the keyboard. Jon will be led by the musicians as to the exact type needed.

**Screen on the Pillar (c£200)** – this is to enable the musicians to see what is up – this was approved some time ago. It will not be wider than the pillar. **This was agreed.**

**Refurbished Ipads x 2 (c£500)** – we are currently using Jonny's. These would be Apple Ipads. **This was approved, also that we would purchase a 3<sup>rd</sup> one if necessary** (the current tablet at the back is android).

**Gift for Musicians for Carol Service (7 x £100)** – a discussion was held as to whether we could endorse this item of expenditure.

While it was very much appreciated that the musicians made a great contribution to our worship at this service, the sum was significant, and it was agreed that we offer £350 for Paul to use at his discretion.

It was also confirmed that we want to encourage as much congregational participation as possible at the Carol Service.

**Jon to discuss with Paul.**

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