



## Minutes of the Zoom meeting of the Parochial Church Council held on

8<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**Present:** Jonathan Ward, Rector  
Sybil Andrew  
Marc Bassot  
Christine Blackburn  
Bill Derham  
Sarah Fletcher  
Richard Ford  
Dan Leeves  
Sally Munns  
Jeff Seabrook  
Penny Seabrook  
Jeremy Tagg

**Apologies** – Lenka Ellmann, Annette Pinnell, Martin Pinnell, Amber Stockdale

This meeting was a follow-up to the PCC meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November concerned with **Finance**. Jon had circulated a follow-up document re **Allocations** to aid our discussion.

Jon opened the meeting in prayer.

### 1. **Allocations**

**Payments to Krupa Emmanuel** – we have to ensure that our payments are in line with our charitable status regarding tax exemptions. It was confirmed by Charlotte that our relatively small payments go through Krupa's Baptist church, which is entitled to receive payments from abroad. At this point Jeff confirmed that he had no further objections and appreciated the way in which this had been clearly presented to the PCC – a good exercise for the PCC as a whole, it was agreed, to ensure that all payments in future are transferred correctly.

Christine confirmed that payments can continue to be paid via Charlotte.

**Payments to Masih Das and Sarita** are paid through Alison Stockdale rather than St John's.

### **Other Allocations**

We were asked to consider whether our approach to Allocations is now fit for purpose regarding our tithe on tithe. Money is also asked for at different times. It was confirmed that our one-off giving is not included in this. Some allocations will run out shortly, for example Steve Read and Alyssa Carey. During our discussion various points were raised –

- Is there clarity of communication?
- How do we factor the money that is collected at other times?

- Should we abandon the system but what is the risk of unpredictability for organisations currently on our list?

There was wide-ranging discussion but it was agreed that:

Carry on with our current allocation to mission partners but take into account other giving through special offerings when we measure what proportion of its income the church is giving. Equally, that 10% be understood as a guiding principle rather than a strict condition.

Clarify the preferred approach regarding donations for the Families' Worker (move it to a part of General Funds), although some might wish to continue ringfencing their donation for this. It was confirmed that the system of pledges originally set up will continue until the end of Amber's contract.

Review all our mission partners annually.

We have received updates from the majority of those on our Allocation List. **Jon will seek updates from those which are outstanding.**

## 2. Fees

Jon had circulated an update on Fees. There was little variation on those in red (St. John's), the others from the diocese showed minimal change.

It was agreed to keep St. John's fees at the current level.

## 3. Christmas collections to the Children's Society

**Christingle** collections will go as usual to the Children's Society but due to Covid 19 it has not been possible for children to collect money in advance in the usual way.

**On-line carol service** – could a link from the Children's Society be attached to the video of our service? **Dan will make enquiries** as they may well have their own video that we could attach.

## Communion services

It was agreed that a plate could be put out for people to donate if they wish. It was confirmed that the number will still be limited to 35 for each service.

## 4. Dates for 2021

**Jon will email PCC dates for 2021.** The first will probably be during the second week of January. At this point Bill reported that the DAC is still working on our lighting application!

We finished the meeting in prayer.

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