

## **PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a meeting held on Zoom on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

### **Present:**

Sally Lees (Chair)	Jane Appleton	Bruce Watson
Phil Sibbald (Secretary)	Derek Goodwin	James Beck
Shirley Leslie (Treasurer)	Ken Blanshard	Lorraine Andrews
Anita Sorrell	Eve Lanchantin-Piggott	Ian Rich
Wendy Pryor	Michael Piggott	Alison Gunther
Richard Houghton	Dawn Stamper	Robert Sharp
Arthur Waters	Jerry Fox	Libby Varley
Jill Humphries	Paul Needham	June Wenborn
Richard Bellamy	Caroline Mansley	Morag Sharp
Andrew Brown		

### **Apologies:**

#### **1: WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYERS:**

**Sally Lees** welcomed everyone to the first online meeting of the PCC.

**Phil Sibbald** lead the opening prayers.

#### **2: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Laura Lawrence, Dawn Evans, Wendy Pryor, Gavin Williams, Richard Bellamy, Judy Blount

#### **3: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

There were three sets of minutes to approve at this meeting:

- Minutes of the last PCC Meeting dated 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020
- Electronic Minutes for Risk Assessment approval conducted via email since the last PCC Meeting

#### **4: MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

There were none

#### **5: CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was none

#### **6: REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

The following are the key points from **Sally Lees** in her report to the PCC

- Thanks to everyone for all the work you have been doing during these extraordinary times, ensuring that our church families find new ways to come together and to serve our local community.
- Good to see our churches starting to open again, first for private prayer, then for worship and weddings. Thanks to all those involved in doing work required on the extensive risk assessments needed for each new activity and to the H&S sub-group for reviewing them on behalf of the PCC.
- Important not to lose sight of the lessons learnt during this time. Hence the Diocesan initiative "Listening and Discerning on the Way" which we will return to later in the meeting. Bishop Rose is asking for responses by 22 September.
- The pastoral needs in our parish have been brought even more sharply into focus during this period. Through sickness, bereavement and the effect on the economy and employment – people are facing many challenges. We continue to alert to the needs of individuals and wider groups and to keep them in our prayers.

- Delighted to be welcoming Jeremy as our new Team Rector – his licencing will take place on 21 October. Interesting time to be taking on a new parish, but I know he will have the wholehearted and prayerful support of the PCC and the wider church communities.
- Being her last PCC meeting in the Chair, Sally thanked everyone for all the support she had been given me during her short tenure in the Chair of the PCC. I have learnt a lot about the many and varied aspects of the life and worship of Ashford Town Parish and I have really valued the opportunity. Particular thanks to Phil for steering me through.

## **7: MISSION UPDATES**

The PCC received mission updates of what has been going on in the Local Areas

## **8: FINANCE REPORT**

The Treasurer, **Shirley Leslie** updated the PCC on the finance of the parish. We are still in a very difficult place at the current time. **Sally Lees** thanked Shirley Leslie for all the work she continues to do on the Parish Finances in these extremely challenging times.

## **9: LISTENING AND DISCERNING THE WAY: THE BEGINNING:**

This process has been created for us all as the Diocese of Canterbury what we have learned about how we do church during the Covid pandemic. We have been asked the following questions:

- What are we noticing?
- What are learning?
- What might we let go of or allow to die, so that we may enter a new future with God?

These questions have been sent around to each parish in the diocese. This is just the first part of the discussion.

If anyone wishes to give feedback, please do this via your Local Area Team Vicar etc

## **10: APCM PLANS:**

**Phil Sibbald** had a conversation with our new Team Rector **Rev Canon Dr Jeremy Worthen** looking towards to the plan of having the APCM after his licensing on 23<sup>rd</sup> October but before the new deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

Jeremy approved of this idea as it would be a good way of meeting as many people as possible, be it on zoom.

Phil Sibbald will liaise with Jeremy on dates and notify everyone in due course

## **11: SAFEGUARDING:**

There was nothing to report

## **12: GENERAL FABRIC ISSUES:**

### **St Mary's Great Chart Architect Proposal:**

A document had been previously circulated to PCC proposing to appoint the Thomas Ford and Partners led by John Bailey.

This was approved by the PCC

### **St Mary's Kennington Vestry Roof**

Emergency repairs to Kennington vestry roof – it was confirmed that given the projected cost of this project (considerably above the sum agreed as available to LLTs to spend without reference to the PCC), three quotes should be submitted to the PCC. E-mail agreement from the PCC would be sought once the quotes were available. There is some urgency to this matter, so it was felt it should progress as soon as possible once quotes received.

## **13: TEAM DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:**

**Phil Sibbald** reported that with the APCM in the not so distant future, he will be updating the Electoral Roll and GDPR further to the update he carried out when the original APCM was due to take place.

Once the APCM date has been confirmed, he will issue all the relevant notices and forms to each church.

**14: ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

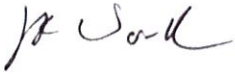
There was none

**15: CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS:**

There were none

**16: DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

This will be decided after the APCM and PCC will be notified



Rev Canon Dr Jeremy Worthen  
3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020