

ST BARNABAS CHURCH

Minutes of Meeting 01/2021 of the PCC held on Tuesday 9th Feb 7.30pm by Zoom

1. Present

Rev Derek Chandler (Chair) (DC), Rev Leonard Onugha (LO), David Howell (Churchwarden) (DH), Mark Burton (Churchwarden) (MB), Richard Cunningham (Asst Churchwarden) (RC), Bob Abel (Treasurer) (BA), Felicity Chapman (FC), Susie Downer (SD), Wendy Howell (WH), Roger Moore (RM) (PCC Secretary)

2. Welcome and Prayers

DC opened with a recorded song "In Christ Alone" followed by a reading from Matthew 28. DC reflected on the reading, noting the initial uncertainty of some of the remaining disciples and wondered what it means to make disciples now in our time, recognizing Jesus' statement "I will be with you as you do this..." DC closed with a prayer.

3. Apologies for Absence

All PCC members were present.

4. Approval of Minutes 04/2020

The minutes were approved unanimously and RM signed on behalf of DC

5. Actions and Matters Arising

It was proposed by Standing Committee and agreed that the action dealing with Agenda item 12 related to bullying would be carried over to PCC 02-2021

6. Health and Safety

No issues reported.

7. Safeguarding

No issues reported.

8. Annual Report -2020

PCC approved the Annual Report 2020 unanimously

9. Report and Financial Statement -2020

BA reported that Bill Harper, the Independent Examiner, had pointed out that he was only charged with examining and certifying the Financial Aspects and not the Report and therefore the PCC needed to explicitly agree to the content of page 2 of the document. The PCC so agreed unanimously.

10. Review of Financial Controls

PCC approved the Review of Financial Controls unanimously.

11. Budget 2021

BA explained that because of the lack of certainty the Budget may need to be revisited in the middle of the year. BA forecast that, without a doubt, the year end would see a substantial deficit. PCC agreed the Budget unanimously.

DH proposed a vote of thanks to BA for all his hard work dealing with the Budget etc. This was agreed enthusiastically.

12. Legacy Policy

PCC approved the Legacy Policy unanimously.

DC screen shared a draft brochure based on the contents of the policy for information of the PCC. FC noted that authority to use the picture of children needed to be obtained and also a review of the fonts used may be useful. **Action RM**

13. Come and See

DC requested that a new agenda item be considered at this time. DC invited LO to outline a new Diocesan initiative called "Come and See". LO rehearsed the emerging picture of the way in which on-line worship was attracting new people and drawing back those who may have drifted away for various reasons. "Come and See" it would appear, aims to give those who may be seeking more, either to refresh their faith or understand better what Christianity means in everyday life, an opportunity to explore in a safe and supporting environment. In many respects it may overlap with Alpha.

LO explained that people could register on-line with the option of being linked to a participating church near where they lived.

PCC agreed that St Barnabas should register as a participation church. **Action LO**

14. Resolution to allow Margaret Dimmick to continue her ministry at Caversham Park.

DC supplied the wording below for St. Barnabas PCC to vote on concerning Margaret Dimmick's ministry as a Church of England priest at Caversham Park. The wording was supplied by Liz Jackson, Assoc Archdeacon, Margaret has agreed, and has her own copy for reference:

Under Canon B43, paragraphs 5 and 6 deal with invitation from 'designated churches' for a Church of England priest or lay reader to take part in non-CofE worship. That person can perform "any duty assigned to them if it is the same as or similar to a duty which they are authorised to perform in the Church of England.

To this end the Incumbent of Emmer Green w Caversham Park, Derek Chandler, gives this consent and the PCC passes this resolution to allow Margaret to continue her ministry under these canons at Caversham Park.

15. Decision whether the church is to remain open or close for worship.

PCC members were asked to vote for one of the options or abstain:

Option 1. The PCC, having reviewed the updated Risk Assessment, Diocesan guidance and Central Government advice, has decided to maintain the church open for worship

Option 2. The PCC, having reviewed the updated Risk Assessment, Diocesan guidance and Central Government advice, has decided that the church should close for worship.

The result of voting was as follows: 8 members for option 1, RM voted for Option 2 and RC abstained. Option 1 was carried 8 to 2.

16. Communication(s)

RM reported that he had received notification from the Diocese that APCM could be delayed if churches had not formalized their accounts and reports. PCC agreed to keep to existing timetable.

RM explained that the first edition of "Read all About It" would be published shortly. Draft copies had been circulated to PCC members. RM said that he had submitted a short bio for publication. WH agreed to produce a bio for the March edition.

The following suggested additions to the newsletter were put forward: the church website address, articles on the coming marriage of Jane Seaman and the recently deceased Queenie Cottrell, "living with loss", "Come and See" and the Lent courses. **Action(s) 1. RM to alert Hayley Chandler to the potential new items 2. PCC members draft content appropriate to their areas of interest.**

17. Any other business

None

18. Dates of Future Meetings:

APCM Tuesday 23rd March at 7,30pm by Zoom

Standing Committee: Tuesday 20th April, Tuesday 22nd June, Tuesday 7th Sep, Tuesday 9th Nov

PCC: Tuesday 27th April, Tuesday 29th June, Tuesday 14th Sep, Tuesday 16th Nov