

## **Minutes of the PCC meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020 on Zoom.**

### **1 & 2. Opening Prayer and welcome to the new PCC.**

**3. Present.** Ruth Fitter, Rachel Hawkins, Ruth Parsons, Beverley Evans, Kiri Roberts, Steve Roberts, Graham Brooks, Cynthia Kerr, Helen Scott, Anne Minchin.

**Apologies.** Heather De Gruyther, Pauline Godfrey, Miriam Afultude.

**4. Minutes of the last meeting.** Proposed an accurate record by RP. 2<sup>nd</sup> RH. All agreed.

**5. Matters arising.** RF & HDG to meet on Monday to pool names and sort out groups.

Point of action. RF to print off safeguarding policy.

Priesting of HDG happened successfully on the 20<sup>th</sup> September.

### **6. Finance. Update and charity support nominations.**

The stonemason had to be paid £7,500 before the insurance money had been credited to the account. £6,095 should have gone into the account this week... There is @£10,000 in the current account.

Charities .We have been giving £900 each year. This was split equally between an international, a national and a local charity, changed every 3 years, and now due for review. There has been a bitty system of people asking for support of their favourite charity. It would be better to give substantial support to 3 designated charities rather than small amounts to several. There was discussion about how much to give and we concluded we should put this up and give 10% of our income. We are to consider which causes we will support. Congregation to be consulted. We will continue to collect stamps, bottle tops, printer cartridges and change for the NSPCC. Etc.

### **7. St Stephens Church.**

Now putting together a pre-application for planning permission because the council's conservation officer will probably object to the destruction of the building. There may be a possibility of keeping the façade and reconstructing inside. We are hoping for 16 1 & 2 bedroom studio flats upstairs and meeting rooms of various sizes downstairs for church and community use. Any rent accrued will be put back into running costs.

Things to consider are green space, parking, solar panels, underfloor heating. The architects are sympathetic to diocesan, community and environmental aspects. There are to be 14 parking spaces for residents and 4 for visitors. When the pre-app has been passed the community can be consulted. RF plans to ask the diocese for help from their qualified

communicators, Sam & Lucy. 'Rooftops' will collect the rent and the diocese will get a proportion.

### **8. Advent & Christmas.**

Plans so far are for a socially distanced Carol service on the Lannet. Steve suggested contacting the PCSO to attend and supervise social distancing. Track & trace needed. RF to ask permission. Various suggestions about when, but Christmas eve was fixed, at 4.00. Bring own mince pies and torches!

Advent window trail of 24 windows to find around the parish.

Advent candles to be distributed and put in our windows with the church logo - Kiri will put her design with a message.

Steve is concerned about lack of social contact. Possibility of a quiz on zoom. RF to ask Maria to compile one. If not Steve will. Need to include the people who don't have access to social media, the lonely.

Angels. Anyone can bring an angel to church! Or put one in their window.

### **9. Safeguarding.**

DBS checks to be initiated for those that need them by RF.

CSA report published. Not happy reading.

No concerns in the parish at the moment.

### **10. Roma church.**

Christians from the Roma community, Romanian, Slovaks led by the Holy Spirit and used to speaking in tongues, have been meeting in St Pauls church for a few weeks. They would like to make it a permanent arrangement, and meet on Sundays from 5-7pm.

There would be a clash during Advent but they could change to 4 - 6. They are happy to help with the cleaning and decorating. They are sending money back to their families so there will be no charge to them at the moment. There are no diocesan constraints. They have their own COVID risk assessment and will clean up after themselves.

### **11. 'Link' PCC members.**

RF suggested we move this to the next agenda. Time to think before next meeting.

### **12. AOB.**

Winter fayre, Julie is passionate about having one but as it would be impossible to social distance and sterilize everything it would be irresponsible this time. Let's hope we can have an extra good one in the summer. We are all sad because of the lack of socializing.

RP. Long table. It would be good to be able to participate. Would involve getting orders from people of what they want / need and keeping them in the freezer. Need a freezer thermometer to comply. Link with Stroud area, St James and Christchurch.

**9.26. Closing prayer.**

**Date of next meeting. Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December.**

**Amended to Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December.**