

St Margaret's Church, Angmering
PCC Meeting Minutes Monday 25 January 2021 held via Zoom

Present: Canon Mark Standen (Chairman) (MS), Ben Lucas, Ann Jones, Roy Richardson, David Boreham, Keith Varney, Adrian Warburton, John Roberts, Jackie Johnson, Andy Kyte, Alan Butler, John Bawler (JB), David Fordham, Steve Bentley, Esther O'Toole, Sue Pauley, Hannah Jones, Derek Dainton, Tina Smith, John Heaton, Chris Harris.

1. Welcome, Bible reading and prayer

MS welcomed everyone to the meeting. A Bible reading was taken from Daniel 2:20-23, a prayer of praise acknowledging God's wisdom and power. The meeting went into breakout rooms to take up the theme of praise.

2. Apologies for absence

None

3. Minutes of PCC meeting held on 30 November 2020

Agreed

4. Matters arising and action points

The lone worker policy was considered at item 8 of this agenda.

5. Chairman's Comments

a) MS reviewed the ministry which took place in December with its mixture of services in person and online. In discussion Council members had agreed that it had been worth presenting *Advent in Angmering* although it was felt that there had been a mixed response partly due perhaps to a lack of aggressive publicity. Christmas cards on behalf of the church had been distributed personally to those living on their own and they had been well received. MS thanked members for their quick responses to the email he had sent out regarding future arrangement of services following the further period of lockdown recently announced. This and the responses had resulted in a discussion with staff and wardens leading to a decision to pause in-person services for the time being. This decision had been notified to PCC members by email and they had responded by approving it. The meeting endorsed this decision unanimously subject to its review each month by the full PCC.

There was discussion regarding the optimum manner of responding to a PCC - wide email. (ie a reply to Mark only or a "reply all"). MS will reflect on which protocol to adopt.

The meeting went into breakout rooms to share and discuss how to keep the momentum going over the coming months in the following areas:

- Sunday services (book of *Daniel*- Midweek service (*Colossians*))
- Fellowship (*Groups of various sorts*)
- Breakfasts
- Courses (*Marriage, Alpha*)
- Communications (*a possible period is newsletter*)

- Support for the disconnected
- Evangelism
- Easter

A rapporteur from each group to report subsequently by email to MS who will produce a summary for members.

6. Finance

JB reported a very encouraging response to Gift Sunday and one for which God was to be praised and thanked. The anticipated deficit of £23,000 for 2020 and 2021 combined had been more than met by the £30,000 given or pledged as a result of Gift Sunday. This had required a revision of the 2021 budget which had been circulated to the meeting. The cost budget was much the same as previously drafted resulting in a projected year-end surplus of £15,000. Our financial position was made secure by the fact that 90% of giving comes in a planned manner. Approval of the revised 2021 budget was proposed by John Bawler, seconded by John Heaton and agreed unanimously. A time of prayer followed.

7. Youth, Children and Families

Matt's written report circulated beforehand was noted with thanks. It was encouraging to note that many families had re-engaged with the 9 am in-person service. During the current "pause" on church activities, Matt and Ben have live-streamed the 9 am service and feedback has been encouraging. Two in-person gatherings for Rooted and Adventurers have been possible. Matt shared regarding his forthcoming Bishop's Advisory Panel and the future possibilities beyond that and requested prayer.

[Note to Church Family reading these minutes: if you would like to know more from Matt please contact him]

8. David Boreham brought forward a revised draft lone worker policy. After discussion it was proposed by DB, seconded by Alan Butler and agreed unanimously that the policy should be adopted. David would consider how the policy should best be disseminated.

9. Safeguarding

David Boreham again strongly encouraged Council members to undertake the appropriate safeguarding course available on the Diocesan website and to forward their completion certificates to James Nicholl.

10. Building matters

David Boreham reported that the minor matters which had arisen as a result of the Quinquennial inspection were being pursued. The cost of these was well within the accumulated amounts set aside annually for this purpose.

11. Wardens' items

None

12. Correspondence

None

13. Any other business

14. The Grace

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm

The next meeting will be on Monday 22 February 2021 at 7.15pm

Action

Protocol for replying to PCC-wide emails.	MS
Lone worker policy dissemination	David Boreham
Undertake Safeguarding course.	All

Summary of breakout room discussions for members MS

Mark Standen