

St Margaret's Church, Angmering
PCC minutes, 19th July 2021 on Zoom

Present: John Bawler, Ben Bennett, Steve Bentley, David Boreham, Alan Butler, Derek Dainton, David Fordham, Chris Harris, John Heaton, Ann Jones, Hannah Jones, Jackie Johnson, Ben Lucas, Esther O'Toole, Sue Pauley, Matt Porter, Tina Smith, Mark Standen (chair), Keith Varney, Adrian Warburton

1. Mark Standen welcomed everyone and invited Matt to share a passage as it was his last PCC meeting. He chose Galatians 3 v 26 making the point that, as believers we are one family, all one in Christ, and as such we are all united in our differences. This was followed by prayers in breakout rooms.

2. **Apologies for absence:** John Roberts and Chris Wild.

3. **Minutes of PCC meeting, 21st June 2021.**

Unanimously agreed that these were an accurate record of the meeting.

4. **Matters arising**

None

5. **Chairman's comments**

(i) Mark extended his thanks for support offered to him and his family over the last couple of months

(ii) Staff transitions

Matt - thanks were extended to Matt for all his work over the last 4 years and it was agreed that we will be 'one family in prayer' as he and his family move on to Oakhill.

Barbara Roberts will be taking a sabbatical from Women Together from July – Dec 21. Discussions will be had with the Women's Together team to appoint an interim lead person.

Government Covid restrictions are being lifted today (19th July) meaning that the church will have more freedom in deciding how to move forward as from 25th July. In order to give a framework to discussions, Chris had put together a presentation outlining the points the staff and wardens had discussed

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. It will no longer be necessary to book in for services.2. Hand sanitisers and wipes will be available at all entrances and exits3. Both sets of glass doors at the main exit, the west door, and the door by the bottom of the staircase in the church lobby will be kept open throughout services to aid ventilation4. The chairs in two areas of the church, the south aisle and the Chancel, will continue to be socially distanced and we will expect anyone sitting in these areas to wear face coverings throughout the service |
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5. The chairs in the other two areas (Nave and north aisle) will not be socially distanced. We would recommend people sitting in these areas to wear face coverings to protect others, especially during the singing of songs.
6. Staff and those fulfilling a role in the services will be encouraged to wear face coverings, except when they have a role at the lectern.
7. Communion will take place by simultaneous administration with people staying in their seats
8. Children will be able to be part of groups principally in the Church Hall, but sessions may include some activities outside
9. Weather permitting, the last song of the 10am service will be outside

There was much discussion around the points in the presentation (above) with all PCC members, apart from the staff and wardens, being invited to give their views. Mark reflected on the discussion and then sent a round robin email to all Church members on Wed 21st July recording the advice for all attending services from 25th July onwards.

As this was a time consuming discussion, all other matters were held over till September

6. Finance report

John B reported that we should be thankful to the church family for continued financial provision. Month to month monitoring shows expected income / expenditure, giving a projected surplus of approx. £20k at year end (this does not take into account Gift Sunday in November). An announcement is planned for the whole church next week to thank everyone for their continued giving.

A query re the churchyard grass cutting budget being underspent was made which was answered by weather patterns this year!

Staff finance

Following Chris Harris' recent performance review a £500 increase in salary, together with an increase to reflect the current rate of inflation, was agreed with effect from 1 July 2021.

7. Youth, children and families Report (for full details see Matt's report)

As this was Matt's last PCC meeting he again thanked everyone for their support over the last 4 years. Chris Wilson will be spending the day in Angmering on Sunday 25th July, joining in the children's groups and hopefully Matt and Sarah's farewell picnic. The crèche will recommence on Sunday 25th July.

Matt, Sarah and Amelia will be moving to Oakhill on Mon 9th August; their farewell gift will be presented on Sunday 8th August.

8. St Margaret's CEP school governors

Both Helen Fletcher-Reilly and Al Knox have come to the end of their tenure as school governors, however, in discussion with Mike Jee they have both expressed their willingness to serve another

term of 4 years. Proposed: Ben Bennett, Seconded: John Heaton, unanimously agreed.

9. Safeguarding

James Nicoll has reported to David B that there has been nothing new to report. We should all however be very aware that, during the school holidays, children can be at their most vulnerable and should act upon any concerns

10. Buildings

Thanks were extended to Keith Varney who organized the Rectory Garden clear. A similar clearing even will be organized for the churchyard, probably in early September – Keith and Bob P will compile a list of what's to be done.

The QI report work is moving ahead slowly. The Electricity inspection is scheduled; the gas service has been done with a couple of small rectifications to be carried out, one being that the immersion heater in the church kitchen has been condemned so need to be replaced.

11. Wardens items

None

12. Correspondence

An email concerning General Synod membership has been received – Mark asked that the PCC consider this. Sue to send the mail on to all PCC members.

13. AOB

(i) As the weather forecast for the weekend doesn't look reliably good, Matt's picnic may need to be postponed, maybe to 1st August

(ii) Men's breakfast arrangements – Ben to talk to Andy and Bob

14. Meeting concluded at 9.00pm with prayers of thanks for guidance in the re-opening of the church, followed by The Grace

Next meeting: Mon 13th September, 7.15pm in the Church Hall