

ST MARY MAGDALEN, KNIGHTON

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held by Zoom at 7.30pm on 25 February 2021

Present: Revd Adrian Jones (Vicar; Chairman), Revd Matthew Gough, Angelica Amoroso, Josh Crick de Boom, Sian Howard, Michael Kirk, Andrew Oldershaw, David Palmer, Lorna Pollard, Judith Rudd, Bob Rutland, Nigel Siesage (Secretary), David Stanyer (Treasurer) and Ida Stanyer

21/16 PRAYERS and REFLECTION

The Vicar led the meeting in prayers and a reflection on Luke 14.

21/17 PASTORAL CARE AND DISCIPLESHIP

With reference to minute 21/2 of 19 January, the Vicar introduced a brief discussion paper focusing on how best to resume church life when the pandemic lockdown ended.

In discussion, the following points were noted:

- Resumption of services at the earliest suitable time was highly desirable. Account should continue to be taken of the position of the wider Leicester community, as well as of the Church's advice and government requirements.
- It should be recognised that people would have had different experiences of the pandemic, and as a consequence, might have different confidence about engaging in normal activities involving social contact. Messages about reopening should be sensitively expressed to reflect this.
- It would not be appropriate to implement extensive changes, but to take time to listen. But it would be appropriate to introduce the proposed revised service times from the start. In that respect it was noted that regular attenders at the 8am service had been consulted and were content.
- Consideration should be given to continuing online services in parallel with live ones. It was felt that the online services had attracted additional participants, and it was desirable to retain their involvement. They would not necessarily be able to attend in person. To improve the quality of live (as opposed to pre-recorded) online services, it would be desirable to explore the possibility of broadband and other technological improvements in St Mary's.
- People should have the opportunity to take part in the 'the Wellbeing Journey' online reflections programme.
- Roles required to be undertaken in church should be mapped out and their allocation should be reviewed. People should not feel under an obligation to resume roles they had previously undertaken, but this process should be sensitive and should not give people the impression they are not valued.
- A pastoral care system based on mutual care should be developed, with both formal and informal elements. Participation in any particular grouping should be optional. A number of issues, such as the possible need for training of people with leadership roles in this system, remained to be addressed.

21/18 ECO-CHURCH

Minute 21/3 of 19 January refers. Revd Matthew gave a presentation on the Eco-Church scheme and his experience of involvement in another parish. It was felt that the Benefice had a number of areas

of strength, including its relationship with Knighton Wild and the interest of the Knighton Forum in the environment.

The PCC welcomed Revd Matthew's offer to lead on St Mary's participation, and **agreed** that this should be done in liaison with St Guthlac's as a Benefice-wide operation.

21/19 OFFICE OF TREASURER

The Vicar reported that he had not received any expressions of interest in the role of Treasurer. He would now revise his notice with an emphasis on team working. The Sub-group would meet to discuss next steps.

21/20 SPIRE REPAIRS

Mr Oldershaw reported on the progress of the spire restoration. The additional steelwork had now been installed successfully. This had used the contingency but there might be an additional modest overspend. It was noted that the banners recently placed on the fences on Church Lane and Brinsmead Road appeared to have generated some new donations.

21/21 PARISH CENTRE GARDEN

The PCC received a report from Mr Oldershaw on the design and cost of the new fencing for the Parish Centre, which would enlarge the garden space available to the Pre-School. It was **agreed** that the PCC would contribute £1,400 to the total cost. This would include replacement of the damaged boundary fence running to the pavement at the side of the plot. The agreement with the Pre-School included an understanding that the Parish, as landlords, owned all the fencing, but that the School was responsible as tenants for the maintenance of the fence to the garden they occupied.

21/22 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the PCC held on 19 January 2021 were received and approved.

21/23 ACTION LIST

The PCC reviewed the updated action list. It was agreed that the Vicar would review and amend some of the deadlines.

21/24 SAFEGUARDING

There was nothing to report.

21/25 HEALTH AND SAFETY

There was nothing to report.

21/26 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 23 March at 7.30 pm, by Zoom.

Topics to be covered would include:

- Provision of Broadband (MG)
- Papers for APCM

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm with Grace.

Chairman