

MINUTES OF PCC MEETING HELD ON 28 January 2021 *via Zoom*.

For God, for one another, for the world

Focus for the year - Embedding Christ in the community

Present: Revd. Chris Bessant (Rector), Revd. Elaine Collins (Assistant Priest of Haslemere and Grayswood), Richard Everett, Tracy Garland (PCC Secretary), Revd. Fiona Gwynn (Associate Priest), Sarah Hatherall-Good, Pippa Hollins-McLean, John McLean, Jackie Holmes (Churchwarden), Anthony Ramsden (Churchwarden and Deanery Representative), Angela Wheeler (Deanery Representative).

1. Fi opened the meeting with the collect of the day and prayer.
2. Apologies: Sasi Cave, Nicola Miller, Darren White (PCC Treasurer).
3. Minutes of the meeting: 19 November 2020 was agreed. To be signed at a future date.

4. Matters arising:

i) School assemblies now on the website, with link to the school website and vice versa. Website details are now on all publicity.

ii) website data previously circulated, unfortunately the system was down over the Christmas period and activity not recorded. PCC notice board in the porch needs to be updated and to check website details displayed.

Tracy

5. Review of Christmas services and current services via Zoom: The last service in church was 25 December, the church remains open for private prayer on a Wednesday 10-12am with 1-2 visitors. This will continue. Christmas services were well attended but it is difficult to compare attendance numbers to 2019. Thanks were expressed to the flower team and all those who contributed to decorating the Church for Christmas. The average attendance via zoom on Sundays is 45-55.

6. Feedback from steering group: This is an ideas group and not a planning group with the concept of thinking creatively about how the church can belong to the village as one family. Meetings are monthly and ideas to date have included the sketches and stories for children which were on the website during advent, the 4th Sunday interview of a member of the church family and the Wednesday zoom coffee morning. The last meeting discussed delivering gift packages during Lent to those who have not been in contact for a while with a Lent theme of 'releasing joy'. These will go out before Lent and are to remind those not accessing online services that they are still a part of the church family and are not forgotten. *Fi*

7. Lent and Easter: Elaine presented a flier for Lent adopting the theme 'releasing joy', with a weekly theme and daily devotional. Details will be in the news sheet, Runner and on the website. A Lent course based on the book 'Opening our lives' will be held via zoom for five weeks commencing 24 February.

It is difficult to plan ahead for Easter services. It was suggested the wooden cross could be placed outside the church covered with chicken wire to be decorated with flowers. Everyone in the village would be invited to contribute, perhaps in remembrance to those lost in the last year, but to be a visual reminder of the joy of Easter. The base of the cross needs repair. *John*

8. Calendar previously circulated: this is subject to change depending on current guidance, Sarah has added a diary to the website. The Friends are hoping to hold the open gardens in June.

9. Focus for the year – main item: It was agreed the focus for last year ‘embedding Christ in the community’ should continue this year. When this was chosen last January it was not known what lay ahead. Many plans were cancelled but a positive outcome has been the sense of the church presence in the village and being part of the community, not separate. An example of this was the success of the Advent windows. It was agreed the focus could be developed further and there was more work to be done.

10. APCM 25 April: To note four PCC vacancies – Judy, Sasi, Sarah and Darren. Sasi has stated she wishes to stand down, Sarah is uncertain. Fi asked the meeting to prayerfully consider who could be approached to stand.

11. Financial report: Income/expenditure balances 2019/2020 were presented in Darren’s absence. Despite a fall in income (2019 included a large donation) the end of year balance was in profit. The balance in the number 2 account is allocated to the lighting project. At present Church Suite is used via Haslemere parish. The online giving facility does not allow donations to All Saints. It was agreed to consider the cost purchasing our own software for Church Suite. *Fi*

Chris congratulated the PCC on the prudent management of funds.

The meeting agreed to investigate costs of purchasing a new desktop for Sarah. Sarah H-G suggested a computer contact. *Fi*

12. Building and grounds:

i) QI, this took place on 25 January. Anna Hummel, architect, seemed satisfied with the paperwork and upkeep of the building. We await her report.

ii) Lighting installation expected 8 March.

iii) Sound/ vision upgrade. Favourable response received from the quote from B+H. Chris has had positive experience with the company in the past. Agreed to proceed when finances allow.

iv) Feral pigeons/doves. The quote from A+M Hawk was discussed. There is wire protection on the clock tower but there are a couple of nests on the slats and the ledge inside. The main issue is access to the vaulted ceiling through the arrow slit above the window at the west elevation, allowing debris to fall inside the church.

It was agreed the actions proposed in the quote were contradictory and the cost high. To consider a comparative quote and investigate the electronic deterrent used at St Bart's. *John*

v) Church path/disabled access. Quotes were obtained 2018-2019 to replace the gravel path to facilitate disabled access. It was agreed to review with up to date costings. *John*

13. Safeguarding: All new PCC members have undertaken Diocese training, nil else to report.

14. Deanery: Anthony and Angela attended a zoom meeting 24/1/2020 – report attached.

PCCs were asked to discuss: What might the deanery provide to support parishes? “Where can we offer support or expertise for one off needs?” *Agenda item for next meeting-Tracy*

15. Notices and correspondence:

Sarah sends her thanks to the PCC for the Christmas gift and hyacinths.
A legacy is expected from the estate of the late Lady Lesley Lewis.

Next meeting 18 March, standing committee 4 March, agenda items for consideration to Tracy before this date please.

Chris closed the meeting in prayer at 8.40pm

Signed..... Date.....