

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council of St Nicholas Church Shepperton

Virtually on Zoom on 7th December 2020 at 8:00pm

Present

John Child, Margaret Bennet, Kathy Hodge, Guy Blythman, Maggie Hammond, Simon Sheldon, Mark Steptoe, Sylvia Carter, Hilary Dyer, Doris Neville-Davies, Jo Child
Chair Janice Wetherell

The meeting opened with a prayer from John Child

- 1) **Apologies** had been received from Sharon Fish
- 2) **Minutes of meeting held 11/11/20** The second resolution under paragraph 6 should read (correction in italics) “Secondly it was **resolved** that 75% of normal income (Collections, *Stewardship*, Donations Gift Aid) would be a suggested ceiling to offer in future year (recognising that we could not bind any future PCC)” Subject to this correction the minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.
- 3) **Matters arising** from the minutes.
 - (1) Para 3. The issue raised by Doris Neville-Davies about the composition of the standing committee had been taken up with the Area Dean. He had advised that the standing committee should consist of the churchwardens plus 2 elected PCC members. One of these can be the Treasurer. It was therefore **proposed** by John Child and seconded by Janice Wetherell that Kathy should be second PCC member. **Agreed nem con.**
 - (2) Para 11 Churchwardens notices - The Public Rights Certificate had been found and was now on office noticeboard; Janice formally thanked Mark for the PCC minutes preparation.
- 4) **Safeguarding** The details discussed at the last PCC meeting were now on the Church noticeboard. Janice reminded members to carry out the church safeguarding course. Some members had already done this for bereavement visiting and they did not need to repeat it.
- 5) **Financial Report and Common Fund Update** Kathy had received an understanding reply from Mary Spredbury at the diocese in response to our decision to reduce the 21/22 Common Fund contribution to £50,000. There was nothing else to report.
- 6) **Interregnum: an update** The objection to dissolution of the united benefice had been withdrawn so a vacancy for incumbent had been formally declared from 1st December.
- 7) **Parish Profile** John Child reported that this would contain 13 topics, of which 10 had now been completed in a first draft. John was appreciative of the 7 members of PCC plus other members of congregation who had helped put it together. Janice formally recorded her thanks to John. The deadline for the first draft was 14th December and would consist of text only and not photographs. The profile was a PCC document not a churchwardens’ one. Responses had not been received from the two schools with which Chris Swift had been involved (Halliford and St Nicholas Primary). It was queried whether comment should be requested from Bishop Wand, but this was not considered to be appropriate as Chris had not been involved with them in recent years. More questionnaires from members of the congregation were also awaited. The Archdeacon will look at the draft and comment. The January meeting of PCC will discuss this draft as major item. The profile will be

needed for the Section 11 meeting. The new PCC members needed to be briefed on the formal process for advertising the vacancy.

8) **Deanery Synod Report** The last meeting was held on 5th November 2020. The Bishop of Kensington had been invited. He had talked about the Diocesan Vision 2030. The vision was that every Londoner should become inspired by Christ and led by prayer. This was a big but not impossible vision. Younger, safer and more racially diverse congregations were needed.

9) **Setting of local fees, 2021** Local fees were **proposed** by John Child to remain the same as for 2020 This would be -bells £145, choir £100 and organ £150. This was **seconded** by Sylvia and **agreed** nem con.

10) **Christmas**

After discussion, the programme of services was agreed as follows -

Sunday 20 December

9.30am Community Eucharist;

11.15 Alternative Worship;

6.30pm zoom Carol Concert "the Journey to Bethlehem" arranged by Bill Rawcliff

Thursday 24 December: Christmas Eve

1.30 to 3.30 Journey into Bethlehem: an outdoor presentation for 20 families who would walk through three stations. This had to be prebooked via Margaret Bennet. Safety measures were described in detail and agreed as adequate.

6pm "Midnight Mass" – Carol George presiding celebrated in Church with video feed to the Parish centre. Communion to be received in both locations. Approximately 40 places would be available.**

Friday 25 December : Christmas Day

10.30am Alternative Worship by zoom (arranged by Margaret)

Saturday 26 December: Boxing Day

Carols with Paul & Kevin- Time not yet decided. They suggested 11am or 2pm -

Sunday 27 December Christmas 1

9.30am Community Eucharist presided by Sue Wood

Sunday 3 January (feast of the Epiphany transferred)

9.30 Community Eucharist

11) **Correspondence** - Doris Neville-Davis asked if we could have a date for the APCM as this would help get the electoral role up to date. John advised that this was not possible at present as we were unsure yet whether APCM dates will be moved until later in the year due to COVID. We were awaiting a ruling by Area Dean/Archdeacon.

12) **Churchwardens' Notices**

(1) Janice asked in future if any ideas for events could be run by Churchwardens first so safety concerns can be considered. The Churchwardens were legally responsible for Health and Safety at Church events.

(2) New tenants had moved into the Rectory.

13) **Any Other Business**

(1) Pam Powell thanked all those praying for her and Bill.

(2) The PCC were asked for ideas for people to approach for the vacant role of PCC Secretary. Thanks were recorded to Hilary Dyer for the help she had given.

Date of next Standing Committee Monday 4th January 7:30 by Zoom

Date of next PCC meeting Monday 18th January 8pm by Zoom

The meeting ended with the saying of the Grace

Mark Steptoe

Minutes Secretary