

**St Thomas' Church Bradwell-on-Sea
Parochial Church Council**

Minutes of the PCC Zoom meeting held on Tuesday 22nd March 2021 at 7pm

Present

Chair: Rev. Steven Poss; David Thorpe; Theresa Reed; Jayne Hill, Graeme Eyre, Jean Bateman, Laurie Main, Roger Scurrrell, Ella Hand and Richard Bettany

Apologies: None

Rev. Steven opened with a prayer and a reading {John Ch 8 vs 1-11}

Approval of Minutes from 3rd February 2021

These were approved.

Matters arising

Chapel Car Park

David reported that a meeting had taken place and it was established that the majority of car park users do not use the Chapel and that if we did support the cost, there would need to be some guarantee of access to the car park. One option would be to close it for a period, which we wouldn't object to.

Correspondence

Theresa reminded us of the many emails that she religiously forwards to us of a regular basis.

David reported that the Bishop will be coming to the dawn service and the Bishop of Litchfield has agreed to support the 101st anniversary of the Chapel

Rector's report

Nothing specific to report – it had been agreed that normal services will not commence until Pentecost, but we need to think about the format of services thereafter. David suggested that we should revise our service plans and to consider what was good from both the recent experience and the past and combine these into a more progressive regime Laurie suggested that we should consult with the other four parishes, but that we should each have our own plans.

It was suggested that we have a think about this and bring these ideas to the next meeting, with an initial idea of 1 service in each parish every 4 weeks with Zoom links as a starting point and once we had an agreed plan to operate this during the summer and then review it thereafter.

May Wedding

This may or may not now take place and it was agreed that if not the deposit which had been paid should be repaid because of the special circumstances. Stephen to send the details to Laurie who will organise the payment.

Wedding Administration Changes

Stephen outlined the documentation changes that are being introduced that will reduce administrative workload.

Living in Love and Faith Document

A lively discussion took place, but it transpired that we had not been tasked to prepare ourselves for the document and to watch the preparatory videos first. It was suggested that we watch these and then discuss the first section more comprehensively at the next meeting.

Services

Steven thanked David and Laurie and everyone else involved for their tremendous efforts in producing the online services. David said that it was really good working with the other parishes to undertake this.

As stated earlier, the dawn service on Easter Sunday will be held, commencing at 06:30, followed by bacon rolls and a cup of tea after the service.

Finance Report and Online Giving Option

Laurie had circulated reports before the meeting and reported that the finances were healthy, with expenses down (heating, electricity etc) but income down through no cash collections and wedding fees, but that our regular standing order giving was holding up. David proposed that we transfer £3k to the Fabric Fund. This was seconded by Roger and agreed by all.

Laurie reported that the Down Hall appeal had raised £273. David proposed that this be rounded up to £300. This was seconded by Theresa and agreed by all.

It was also suggested that the collections received from the Lent Course should be directed to the Bishop's Lent Appeal (subject to each PCC) which is associated

with microfinance skills for the ongoing work in Kenya. Stephen agreed to check the wishes of the other PCCs and to report back at the next meeting so that we could agree our approach.

Fabric Issues

David outlined the work on the organ which had been able to continue during the lockdown period. The new pedalboard is now installed, along with the existing and additional bourdon voices and that it was anticipated that the remaining works will be completed in July this year.

David also reported that the plans for the work on the trees is still fluid and is awaiting another 'expert' from MDC.

Reports

School Report – Circulated via email. It was proposed by David and Seconded by Jean that we write a letter of support of the current head at Southminster, who has lost her job as a result of the restructuring.

Forthcoming Events

Maundy Thursday – Zoom Service

Good Friday -on line + in the churchyard at 14:00

Live Dawn Service at 06:30

Chapel 101st year service 20th June

Pilgrimage – Decision after Easter

Past Events

Mothering Sunday)

) Lots of lovely feedback

Valentine Service)

AOB

DBS

It was agreed that Graeme would take on the PSO role and that Richard would contact the Safeguarding Team at the Diocese and to Clayton to effect the transfer.

The next PCC meeting will be held on Thursday 29th April 2021 at **7pm**