

MINUTES

Present: Revd. Henry Curran, Kate Curran, Debs Hunt, Stacey Mutch, Joyce Cooper, Ian Knight, Chris Drew, Kathryn Hubbard, Fiona Houghton, Becca Haines, Jonathan Larsson.

1. Bible reading & opening prayer

Led by Henry from Mark 4:35-41 – Jesus calms the storm.

2. Apologies

Rosie Adsley.

3. Minutes of last meetings (16 November 2020, 11 January 2021)

Approved for Henry to sign.

a. Action points and Matters arising

None.

4. Finance report up to 31 December 2020

Stacey presented the finance report for the year 2020. She also reported that we received an unexpected donation of £5,000 + Gift Aid in January. Ian led us in prayer.

5. Review of ministry during COVID-19

a. Christmas

We were happy with Christmas events given the circumstances but missed being with church family. It felt more than usually outward looking to organise street carols and deliver CDs/gifts. There was appetite for carols among many local people who enjoyed street singing or missed Farndon Green. Personal invitations counted for a lot. We were also glad to have equipped church members outside the parish to reach out to neighbours. The best use of our resources was often to signpost people to things other churches were doing.

Suggested we keep the outward focus at Easter. Kathryn is enquiring about a community choir recording in preparation for Easter.

b. Children's Ministry

This has mainly been restricted to videos in services, though mums have been keeping in touch and organising play dates when possible. Not much more can be done but children are missing out greatly by not being able to meet at church. Zoom chats can be helpful. Thanks were expressed to Kate, Debs & Becca for kids' videos in services, which can help adults as well as children.

6. Buildings

Henry reported that our buildings are fine, having been checked weekly during closure. Henry had replaced the water pump in the church hall cellar. Regular servicing continues.

We do not intend to embark on any building projects in the current uncertain situation. There were action points from our quinquennial survey a couple of years ago, repointing was most urgent but should be able to wait a year or two. Water damage could happen if gutters are not cleared, but the organ is not affected as some moisture is of benefit.

7. Employment of Director of Music

Kathryn declared an interest in this item as she is Director of Music.

Debs proposed and Stacey seconded *that we pay Kathryn Hubbard £10/hour for 10 hours per week as Director of Music (£5,200/year), and pay £454.20/year to Stewardship Services to administer the payroll. The Vicar and Churchwardens will finalise the contract. This appointment will be for a period of one year.* Passed unanimously.

Chris and Fiona led us in prayer.

8. Delegation of responsibility for serious incident reporting

Becca proposed and Kathryn seconded *that we delegate responsibility for reporting of serious safeguarding incidents to the Charity Commission, to the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham.* Passed unanimously.

9. Any Other Business

None.

10. Date of next meetings: Standing Committee 22 February, PCC 15 March

11. Handover plan

We discussed how we were each feeling about the immediate future at St. Mary's and spent time in prayer. We then discussed and approved Henry's handover plan.

12. Determination of confidential items

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13. Review of meeting

We wanted to communicate to the church family that we are now working on a handover plan for Henry's departure. Henry suggested we mention this at Connect Groups.