

Minutes of St Sampson's PCC meeting held 24th June 2020, 8pm
Meeting held via Zoom during Coronavirus time

Present: K Bell (chair), A Grace, S Danby, M Smith, I Wallis, N Massey, J Valpy (minutes)

Apologies: R Evans

1. KB welcomed everyone and with a reading from 1 Corinthians and a prayer.

2. Apologies were noted from RE.

Reanne Masters has chosen to step down from the PCC now that she has reached the end of her term of office. Our thanks to Reanne for all that she has contributed over the last 3 years.

3. Minutes from 14th May 2020 were accepted by all and will be formally approved by email.

Matters arising:

- Private Prayer - The church is now open 3 times a week for private prayer with church sitters in attendance and all guidance re. cleaning, social distancing etc, being followed. People are coming into church from the regular congregation, as well as members of the wider community and visitors to Cricklade. Names and phone numbers are recorded for trace and test purposes. The Foodbank box is in the porch for donations when church is open.
- Funerals – these can now take place, the first one is this Friday. Numbers attending are restricted to 20 and all other UK guidelines will be followed.
- Vacancy – the action plan is on schedule and all contributions to the parish profiles expected by June 30th. A general questionnaire has also gone out to church members and wider community inviting input. The profiles will be circulated to appropriate PCCs for comment.
- Smart Water – this is an anti-theft device which will be installed as required by our insurance. The PCC agreed with the £181 spend from the fabric fund – to be formally approved by email.
- Wedding fees 2021 – following some discussion, the PCC agreed with proposed wedding fees for 2021, including a suggested donation of £50 to St Sampson's – to be formally approved by email. Couples will receive a breakdown of what is covered by the fees, plus costs for desirable extras (eg. Choir).

4. Finance (report previously circulated)

Current balances:

Main account: £ 4,888

Restricted: £ 35,472 broken down as follows:

Vicar's discretionary fund:	£	0
Organ fund:	£	3,720
Fabric:	£	3,827
Regeneration (includes roof):	£	23,399
Children's Educational charity:	£	4,207
Funeral Donation:	£	318

Finances continue to be tight on a day to day basis. Monthly income during lockdown has dropped to £1,438 and we have a monthly expenditure of £1,625, leaving a deficit of £187 per month. We have no reserves whatsoever and cannot afford to pay our monthly Parish Share contribution. Following discussion, the PCC agreed the time was right to inform the Diocese that we cannot pay and AG will draft a letter – to be formally approved by email. All actions have been taken to try to increase our income. Monies in the No.2 account are ringfenced for specific purposes and cannot be used for daily running costs and we are uncomfortable with further requests for increased giving to be put to the congregation. **Action - AG**

5. Fabric/Building/Roof project

Amazingly, money has continued to come in for the roof project and this now totals £80,514 and is a mixture of donations, fundraising, legacies and grants awarded. Tenders have gone out for the South Transept roof repair (roof above the choir vestry) and the team are hopeful that this work can still be completed in the autumn. Another grant application is in process and, if successful, would contribute towards the cost of the Lady Chapel. An enormous thank you from the team for the generosity of many people and organisations. A big thank you too from the PCC to the team for their continued hard work and commitment to this project. Well done indeed!

6. Youth and Children

MS joined the Dynamo meeting on zoom recently. There was some discussion about recruiting a youth worker, but with finances tight across many church groups it is unrealistic at the moment. We hope it may be possible in the future and could look at a youth worker for our benefice, or across more than one benefice.

7. Together we are Stronger

The St Sampson's Day BBQ on the 19th July cannot happen in its usual manner, but we hope to mark the day in some way, perhaps with congregations getting together for a picnic (everyone bring their own). We need to wait for details regarding church activities in line with lockdown easing.

8. Churches Together

Carried forward

9. Jenner Hall

Carried forward

10. Deanery Synod

Carried forward

11. Policies etc

A reminder for all PCC members to access the safeguarding training online.

<https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/> Set up own login and password and find the basic awareness course C0 and then C1, if required. **Action - ALL**

12. Correspondence - none

13. AOB

We know that churches can open once again for services from July 4th, but don't yet know the specific details. These will be issued in the next few days and SD, KB and AG will meet to plan if, when and how it will work, within CofE guidelines.

We continue to try and make sure that all members of our church community are kept up to date with church news/activity, but feel that some may be slipping through the net, particularly where they do not have email facility/prefer paper copies. SD and KB to check recipient lists.

Action – SD/KB

Recent PCC newsletters have helped to keep people informed and minutes will continue to go on website. They can now be displayed in church porch too. KB to draft next newsletter.

Action – JV/KB

Date of next meeting – Wed 22nd July 2020

Provisional date for APCM – Sunday 18th October 2020