

PARISH OF ST PETER'S, COLCHESTER

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council held in July 2020

Chairman: Revd Mark Wallace

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

The COVID-19 lockdown again prevented the PCC from meeting together in the normal manner. To enable the business of the PCC to continue, while also seeking to ensure that the process was as open and as fair as possible, the same process was followed as for the Online PCC meeting in May.

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD IN MAY 2020

Proposal: "This PCC approves the minutes of the meeting held in May 2020."

Result: **all in favour**

2. RATIFICATION OF DECISIONS MADE BY EMAIL SINCE THE LAST MEETING

Proposal: "This PCC ratifies the decisions made by email since the last meeting."

Result: **all in favour**

3. REPORTS

Proposal: "That these reports be received by the PCC."

Result: **all in favour**

4. RE-OPENING OF ST PETER'S FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

Proposal: "The Priest-in-charge and the PCC of St Peter's acting jointly authorise dispensing with the reading of Morning and Evening Prayer as required by Canon B 11 and the celebration of the Holy Communion as required by Canon B 14 on the following Sundays in 2020: 5th July, 12th July, 19th July, 26th July, 2nd August, 9th August, 16th August, 23rd August, and 30th August. The reason for the dispensation is that in the light of the Government's guidance on preventing the spread of Coronavirus, there is no church in the benefice which can be used safely for public worship on those occasions."

Result: **all in favour**

5. FAREWELL TO REVD AELLA GAGE

Proposal: "This PCC is grateful for the ministry of Revd Aella Gage at St Peter's since 2014, and wishes to make arrangements to express this gratitude to him in an appropriate manner before his departure at the end of August 2020."

Result: **all in favour**

6. CLERGY EXPENSES POLICY

Proposal: "This PCC adopts the Clergy Expenses Policy, as circulated prior to the meeting."

Result: **all in favour**

7. FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

Proposal: "This PCC:

- a. approves the formation of a Finance Sub-Committee, to assist the PCC in overseeing financial and budgetary matters;
- b. resolves that this Finance Sub-Committee should consist of the Vicar (ex officio) and the PCC Treasurer (also ex officio), with two further members of the PCC to be elected annually by the PCC;
- c. resolves that for the duration of this current PCC, the Finance Sub-Committee should consist of Revd Mark Wallace (Vicar, ex officio), Mr Richard Lawn (Treasurer, ex officio), and Dr Mick Kavanagh (elected) and Dr Dan Watts (elected); and
- d. requests the Finance Sub-Committee to draw up draft terms of reference for discussion at the September meeting of the full PCC."

Result: **10 in favour; 1 abstention (Dr Dan Watts)**

8. CONTRIBUTION TO THE MINISTRY COSTS OF VIDEO BIBLE TALKS

Proposal: "This PCC expresses its gratitude for the ministry of Video Bible Talks and is pleased to donate £100 as a gesture of support."

Result: **all in favour**

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: IN SEPTEMBER — ON A DATE TO BE CONFIRMED