

St Paul's Church Dorking PCC

Monday 30th November

2020 at 8.00pm

By zoom

Chair: Paul Studley

Minutes: Caroline Rose

Minutes

1. The meeting was opened with Prayers

2. Apologies for Absence Catherine Barker, Catherine Carter Shaw, Ceceile Johnston.

Alex Cacouris stepped back from this meeting

Present: Sarah Beasley, Annabel Blanch, Lawrence Comber, Graham Everness, Jenny Firth, Oli Fricker, Jackie Gardner, Steve Henwood, Maggie Hill, Emily Lissaman, Caroline Rose (minutes), Paul Studley (Chair), Sue Swain Fossey, Becky Taylor, Andy Thompson, Karen Wheatley, Nick White.

3. Formal adoption of the Parish Profile

The PCC members were thanked for their conscientious attention to the preparation of the Profile to date and to their response to the circulation of previous draft copies. It was noted that the Profile presented this evening was being edited further to correct some spelling and grammar as well as making some small layout and wording changes. The PCC were invited to offer comments and to discuss the profile in the knowledge that small changes being made wouldn't change what we are seeking to publish.

Paul assured the PCC that the inclusion of a picture which includes Peter Nevins (now Vicar of St John's N Holmwood and Area Dean) was permissible and that Peter had seen the draft and passed no comment. No important errors or omissions were pointed out. The general response from the PCC was that the Profile 'looks brilliant and very professional'. 'A good Job well done' .

The PCC were asked to agree to the adoption of the Parish profile presented to them to support the advertisement for a Vicar for St Paul's Church Dorking :

Proposed: Nick White Seconded: Sue Swain Fossey All in favour. Agreed unanimously.

4. The Appointment of two lay members of the PCC to act as representatives of the PCC in the selection process for a new incumbent

PCC members were reminded that this role was open to any PCC member and that they had been given the opportunity to respond to this invitation, to express an interest in being considered, both at the last PCC meeting and in earlier correspondence to all members. The invitation was issued again to the PCC members but no one indicated that they wished to be considered. Paul repeated the offer made at the PCC meeting of November 16th that the Churchwardens were willing to act as representatives if there was no one else who wished to be considered.

It was therefore proposed that the Churchwardens represent the PCC in the forthcoming selection process for a new Incumbent :

Proposed: Graham Everness Seconded: Maggie Hill Agreed Unanimously

5. Formal Request to the Patron to advertise the position of incumbent at St Paul's Dorking:

Paul reminded the PCC that the Parish would be expected to bear the cost of the advertisement which although not known, Paul estimated that it may be a little over £1000.

The PCC was asked to give permission for the position of the incumbent at St Paul's Dorking to be advertised

Proposed: Jenny Firth Seconded: Annabel Blanch Agreed Unanimously

6. Protocol regarding a section 12 Meeting :

Paul explained that the PCC had the right to request a joint meeting (a section 12 Meeting) with the Patron and the Bishop to exchange views on the Section 11 statement: ie the Parish Profile. There was no request from PCC members for this to happen.

Paul advised that it was highly unlikely that neither the Bishop, Patron or Archdeacon would request a section 12 meeting.

The PCC were asked to support the decision that 'The PCC do not wish to request a Section 12 meeting':

Proposed: Jenny Firth Seconded: Sarah Beasley Agreed unanimously

7.

Further input from Andrew Watson, Bishop of Guildford

Paul explained that we have the right to request from the Bishop a statement describing, in relation to the benefice, the needs of the diocese and the wider church . However, following advice given by the Archdeacon we have already included such a statement in our Profile so do not need to make such a request.

Requesting Alternative arrangements . The attention of the PCC was drawn to its right to request alternative arrangements under the House of Bishops Declaration on the Ministry of Bishops and Priests 2014. The PCC secretary read to the PCC the statement from this declaration and explained that this gives us the opportunity to state that we do not wish to receive the ministry of women priests on the grounds of our theological conviction. There was no wish expressed by any member of the PCC that we should request such an arrangement.

Paul outlined the next stages of the appointment process: The advertisement will be placed in December and that Paul and Sarah will join Bishop Andrew , Archdeacon Martin Breadmore and Miff Duff Patron for the selection and finally for the interview on February 25th.

It was agreed that a gift be given to Chris Lissaman for his pro bono work in creating the Parish profile (and the Church Christmas card) .

8. AOB

Church Suite : Emily provided the PCC with an update on the launch of Church Suite to the church family. Highlighting its use for booking events directly online, and getting up to date information , Emily encouraged PCC members to respond to the email invitation they have been sent to log on to Church Suite and check their details. She explained the facility on their personal page (as PCC members) to link directly to the PCC members area on the Website for easy access to meeting papers.

Interim Plan :

Sarah drew the PCC's attention to the final recommendations of the Prayer and Community working groups which were circulated before the meeting and asked that the PCC prayerfully consider these documents together with those of the Small Groups and Services working groups that will be forwarded to all members when they are received. The latter two groups meet in early December to conclude their deliberations. The interrelated nature of the groups' recommendations require all four reports to be considered together in January in order to draw up the Interim Response Plan.

It was noted that much time and thought has been given by those in the working groups and that there were already actions being put into place to meet immediate need.

PART 2

Nick White Closed the meeting in prayer

The meeting ended at 8.50pm

Dates of the future meetings

Monday January 18th 2021

Monday March 15th 2021

APCM: Thursday April 29th.