

# Minutes of the Parochial Church Council, St. Peter's Draycott

*Held on 04/07/2020 over 'Zoom' videoconferencing computer software.*

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## **1. Opening prayers**

Thea opened the meeting with a prayer.

## **2. Attendance**

*Present*

Stuart Burns	SB
David Cheetham	DC
Chris Green	CG
John English	JE
Thea Oliver	TO

## **3. Purpose of meeting**

This was an extraordinary meeting called by the Rector to make a decision on re-starting church services, now we have legal permission as part of the easing of Covid-19 lockdown restrictions, together with Church of England guidance. There was no discussion of other church business.

## **4. Re-starting church services**

### **4a Proposal from the Rector**

Stuart presented the following proposal (already put to the other two PCCs in the benefice- which had both agreed to it):

- i. A first service to be held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July (Morning Prayer)
- ii. All church services held at 9 am (there was capacity in the Ministry Team to cover this for the moment, even if all three churches participated)
- iii. A service on Zoom later in the morning, probably at 10:30 or 11 (for everyone in the benefice- plus extras- as at present)
- iv. Two Ministry Team officiants at each service in each church
- v. Communion services on alternate Sundays. This is only possible if Stuart, Judith and Hilary are all available- which is the case over the next two months.
- vi. Protocols observed at the services would be in line with C of E guidance in force at the time. This currently includes: communion in one kind (bread, no wine); no communal singing; no collection plate; socially distanced seating; all attending to use hand-gel (provided in church) before and after; no shared refreshments after the services (full guidance is available on the diocesan website)
- vii. A single order of service to be printed that could be used in all churches in the benefice, and also at the later service on 'Zoom'. This would include words of hymns used, and notices- so there would be no need to use hymn books.

- viii. Sermons would only be prepared by those licensed to do so only (Stuart, Judith, Hilary, Thea, Chris), but could be circulated to other officiants and delivered by them if need be
- ix. An initial rota would be drawn up to cover July and August- arrangements then reviewed
- x. Each PCC to prepare a risk assessment before they go ahead with services in church

**4b Draycott response**

- i. The PCC unanimously expressed its willingness to start services next week, and participate in the trial period until the end of August
- ii. David indicated that he and Barry would be prepared to produce the music (organ and vocal) for the services, as they could do so in Draycott within current guidance. The PCC discussed it and accepted with gratitude.
- iii. Thea would complete the risk assessment with Richard Oliver, and also put out seating in a suitable configuration (to be decided)
- iv. We will be allowed to ring bells, as a single bell ringer is needed in our church
- v. Other details to be worked out and agreed during the week.