

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

Held on 03/03/2021 at 7:00 p.m. on ZOOM

1. Opening prayers	1
2. Attendance and apologies	1
3. Any amendments of minutes from 01/12/21	1
4. Brought forward and arising matters from the minutes	1
5. Items of business	1
5a. Resuming services in church	1
5b. Re-opening church	2
5c. SoSP	2
5d. Foundation Governor for Mendip Edge federation	2
5e. Thea's priesting	2

1. Opening prayers

Stuart opened the meeting with a prayer, and John English took the chair.

2. Attendance and apologies

<i>Present</i>		<i>Apologies</i>	
Stuart Burns	SB	Gill Dury	GD
David Cheetham	DC	Pat Mullay	PM
John English	JE		
Chris Green	CG		
Tricia Lumley	TL		
Thea Oliver	TO		

3. Any amendments of minutes from 01/12/21

The minutes from the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record (JE to sign in due course).

4. Brought forward and arising matters from the minutes

Meeting of 01/12/21:

#5f (ii). (Damp on n. nave). Volunteers prepared the walls, then after some trial and error paint matching, the correct colour and type of paint was applied. Further work will be needed (with more paint purchased – NB. £59 per 2.5 litres) but it is looking very much better than it was. Thanks to all involved – Richard Oliver, Jeff Monks, Rob Millard and Chris Green.

#5f (iii). (Trees in closed churchyard). CG was in touch with Mendip District Council and is waiting to hear back from their specialist (Mr.Bowalsh) preparatory to a site visit.

5. Items of business

5a. Resuming services in church

- (i) Good Friday. CG suggested a Good Friday Taizé style evening service in church. However congregational singing of the chants was thought to be integral to this service, so perhaps it is unwise to do this in church. TL suggested that a Taizé service on Zoom would be a fitting end to the year just past, before having our first service in church of this year on Easter Sunday. The latter suggestion was agreed by all.
PLAN, ACTION: Held at 6pm on 2nd April, Different readers will be asked beforehand to read

sections of St Mark's passion, interspersed with recorded chants (probably from a CD). CG/TO would prepare the service/ lead (TBA) and Stuart will attend. Stuart will pass ZOOM hosting to the service leader who would then be able to screen share (for music), allowing us to use the Church ZOOM account. Stuart to invite other churches in the benefice in one of his weekly updates.

- (ii) Easter Sunday. After discussion we decided that our first church service would be on Easter Sunday.

PLAN, ACTION: Holy Communion at 9:30 am on 4th April, using previously established pattern during the pandemic (social distancing, masks worn, no congregational singing, minimum choir, register held of attendees). Stuart will invite other churches in the benefice to attend our service or either of the Cheddar services.

- (iii) Other Sundays. We will resume church services every Sunday at 9:30 as usual after Easter.

5b. Re-opening church

To avoid leaving the door open in cold weather, we decided to postpone church opening until Maundy Thursday (1st April). After this we will revert to our 'weekend plus' pattern of opening on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday each week.

PLAN, ACTION: CG to open the church on Maundy Thursday, and the previous rota to then be followed for the Easter weekend and subsequent Sundays (opened/closed by JE Friday, TO Saturday, CG Sunday, JE/TL Monday). DC will generally do the locking up on Saturday evenings after a choir practice/ setting out for the service the next day (assisted by CG). TO will produce fresh signage to put outside the church, CG will prepare notices for the Glebe field/ community shop. Sann in the benefice office will update all facebook pages and 'A Church Near Me', and make sure the information is in relevant benefice communications.

5c. SoSP

- (i) TO brought our attention to the banner for the NHS in Glebe field (all approved).
- (ii) TO informed us of the 'Easter Tree' plan. The 'tree' would go up in the Glebe field, with entry forms available for £1. Participants would create an Easter egg (themed) item to be hung on the tree. Proceeds up to £50 to go to the PTA, above this to church funds.

5d. Foundation Governor for Mendip Edge federation

SB informed us that when Tim Hawkins retires later this year there will be a vacancy in the federation (Draycott/ Rodney Stoke, Cheddar, Shipham, Axbridge). The PCCs need to agree a replacement. TO indicated her willingness. All were in agreement. NB. Shipham church is also eligible to propose someone, as they have the other church school, so we may need to defer to them (as it is their 'turn'). So far they have not put anyone forward however.

5e. Thea's priesting

Thea's priesting is planned for the 26th June, and first celebration of Holy Communion for Sunday 27th. TO will do this either in Draycott and Rodney Stoke, or in a benefice service at Cheddar (TBA). Draycott Memorial Hall is booked for the 26th for a social event after the priesting. We must wait until nearer to time to determine what event (if any) can go ahead.

The meeting closed with the Grace, which we said together.