**CHURCH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL, ABINGTON**

**MINUTES OF PCC MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30th March 2022 AT 8PM PARISH ROOMS**

**PRESENT:** Rev Byung Jun Kim (Chair), Douglas Rutherford, Emmanuel Agudosy, Cathy Tinsley, Esme Cushing, Andrew Munns, Donald Loe, Elizabeth Loe, Sue Harrison, Susie McKay, Damian Pickard, Bob Purser, Melissa Tallack (minutes)

**077/22 OPENING PRAYERS AND DEVOTION**

The meeting opened in prayer.

**078/22 APOLOGIES:**
Liz Kelly, Alison Barnes, Prester Coleman, Dianne Ward, John Wishart

**079/22 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 26th January 2022**

The minutes were proposed by Douglas, seconded by Donald and accepted as a true record of the meeting by those present subject to one correction in item 65/22 noting that the expense rate is £1500 per week not per month.

**080/22 RECTORS INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

Things are quite fluid currently, with the covid rate going up and many of our friends catching it. We encourage each other to test regularly and be careful. It is hard because, now we have relaxed the regulations, people’s expectations have also changed but we can assure you we are monitoring the situation. By the grace of God we give thanks that no-one has suffered severe symptoms and our friends at St Christopher’s come out of lockdown on 5th April (currently there are visitor restrictions and no additional events). We will continue to be vigilant and cautiously journey on with our new normal.

**081/22 MATTERS ARISING**
There were no matters arising.

**082/22 SAFEGUARDING**

Esme reported that there were no safeguarding concerns reported since last PCC. The Diocesan safeguarding officer is leaving, which is a great loss. Esme will extend our thanks from the PCC for the support we have received. There is currently no news on a replacement. Esme will update our policy and bring it to the next PCC, when it is due for review.

**083/22 TREASURER’S REPORT & APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR 2021**

We wish to cover both approval of the accounts for last year and to note the current financial position this year. Thank you very much, on behalf of the Parish, to Susie for preparing both sets of accounts.

Last year we received a total of £136k of income against a total expenditure of £143k, giving a total net loss of £3.6k.

In addition to our fixed assets, we have £45k investments, £42k cash, however £25k belongs to the Ekins Trust.

Donald proposed that the 2021 accounts are approved, Bob seconded the motion and unanimous approval was given by those present.

With respect to the current year-to-date position, it is clear that, for the first 3 months, we are not quite breaking even. We are running at approximately a £2k deficit due to some unexpected costs (parish roof repair and copier cost).

Collections of £465 have now been paid to each of the Christmas charities.

When we get to the end of Lent, we will also send off donations to Ukraine. The collection currently stands at £540.

**084/22 APCM: REPORTS AND ELECTION OF PCC MEMBERS, CHURCHWARDENS**3 positions are coming available on the PCC this year, one of which is a Deanery Synod position. Melissa confirmed that she intends to stand for re-election for one of the positions. The available positions will be advertised in the next notices.

**085/22 STRUCTURE REVIEW AND PCC SUB-COMMITTEES**

Bob went through the proposal with those present.

Comments:

* Add safeguarding, uniformed organisation and links with schools into the remit of the children and young people committee.
* There was a query as to where communications sat (general comms, website, newsletter, online worship). These are managed by Bob and Jun currently. It would be good if we were able to develop towards having a group who can take on these responsibilities, but we intend to start without one and consider our needs as we proceed.
* Support for pastoral team, Anna Chaplain and Children and Youth Ministry should be included in the Ministry team.
* Social mission and charitable outreach to be included at the top of the scope for the community and fellowship committee.

The view is to start with the new organisation from April. Volunteers will be requested at the APCM and Chairs will be identified. The expectation is PCC members are active in at least one committee.

**086/22 RENEWAL OF WORSHIP AND SERVICES POST-COVID**

We strive to be a dynamic and vibrant liturgical church and Jun is updating all our services to make them more relevant, accessible and meaningful for all of us.

The Holy Week services will be reintroduced. Jun shared the proposed plan with the ministry team and they were supportive.

Four different settings for each of the liturgical seasons will be introduced and all eucharistic prayers will be included. The new service books will be introduced gradually. The 08:15 service will have a separate service booklet.

Two forms of communion has been an area of much debate. Jun’s view is that sharing the cup is a high-risk activity and is therefore not inclined to go back to exactly how it was pre-covid. Jun has been experimenting with the Thursday group to give the option of intinction (by priest) or bread alone. It is not completely risk free, but risk managed. The PCC felt that it was a good proposal. This will therefore be started on Easter Sunday. Instruction on how to receive intinction will need to be given.

**087/22 SABBATICAL FOR THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**Tim, our Music Director has been working very hard for the last three years and has requested some time off on a three month sabbatical. The exact timing is to be confirmed but is likely to be over the summer. Tim will ensure cover is arranged. The PCC wholeheartedly supported this.

**088/22 SONGS OF PRAISE FOR JUBILEE 5TH JUNE 2022 3.30PM**

There will be no 08:15 service on this day and everyone will be encouraged to come to the 10:00 service. We will be holding an outdoor songs of praise, joined by St Albans, St Christophers and St Peters in Weston Favell. The plan is to pick two hymns from each parish to make 8 songs of worship in total. There will be a survey of each congregation in order to identify the two hymns per parish. Light refreshments will be provided. Jun will be away in Korea for this event, however Rachel will be available.

**089/22 UPDATE ON 15TH MAY – BISHOPS VISIT**

We have 12 confirmation candidates and 3 for first communion. 11 of these are from St Peter and St Paul and 4 from Thaxton. At approximately 11:15 we will go outside to celebrate and release the ribbons. Cathy will coordinate removal of the remainder of the ribbons.

Jun will send out an email to the confirmation families to understand how many guests we will need to cater for. A sign-up sheet will also be created for our congregation and people will be able to attend on a first come first served basis.

Once we have an idea of likely numbers, we will arrange a buffet menu and ask for help in catering.

We are sad to see the ribbons gone and so Jun and Celia are proposing 5 or 6 art structures designed to hold as many ribbons as possible. Each structure will be dedicated to a particular prayer petition. The prayer structures can be changed over time.

Cathy suggested we write our own press release to share the news of the ribbons.

**090/22 REPORT ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH MISSION**

A report has been provided by Cathy in the newsletter each month. Junior church is going from strength to strength, and we are looking forward to the fine weather so we can meet on the lawn. Holy Communion preparation is going well. Mathew Abel has joined as a teenage helper, coming to church every two weeks. Liam is enjoying helping with online church.

Little Fishes (toddler group) is also going well with regular attendees. We have a regular band of volunteers to help with this group.

We are planning a parish picnic in the churchyard to encourage the tots families to join. This will either be on the Saturday 23rd July or Monday 25th July 11:30-13:30, which will be in the school holidays.

The all-age family service for mothering Sunday went well and the feedback was positive.

Cahty has been invited to show a group from Barry Road primary school around the church.

AHoF has not been used much for the last couple of years and the committee would like to consider how the building could be used. Cathy asked the PCC to pray about the use of the building ahead of a meeting to decide how to revitalise it.

The Easter trail will be put up this weekend or Monday.

**091/22 REPORT ON ANNA CHAPLAIN MISSION**

This item was not covered due to Liz’s apologies.

**092/22 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Buildings Committee are due to meet to tackle the heating this Friday. We are getting closer to a resolution. The Piper Window in the Lady Chapel has been cleaned. The removal of the Robinia tree is on hold. Andrew is hoping to seek approval to start 1 day-a-week church opening (10-4), probably on a Weds through the summer after Easter. Andrew is not happy to leave the church unattended. The PCC is happy to approve this plan.

**093/22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Fete date – Damian asked the PCC to approve that we apply for a lottery licence for the raffle – this was supported. Due to the uniformed organisations not being available we propose changing the date from 25th to 18th June. This was also supported.

The Ekins Trust is seeking an additional trustee and they requested whether someone from Abington would be prepared to be a trustee.

**094/22 FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

Spring Church Clean-up Day: 9 April at 9.30 am

The Aiers’ last service at Abington: 10 April at 10 am

Curatage Cleaning Party: 23 May (TBC)

Ride and Stride: 10th September

**095/22 DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS 2022**

Next PCC meetings: 25 May, 14 Sep, 16 Nov

APCM 2022: 1 May

Standing Committee: 4 May, 5 Sep, 31 Oct

**THE MEETING FINISHED WITH THE GRACE**