

## MINUTES

**Present:** Kathryn Hubbard, Rosie Adsley, Stacey Mutch, Kate Curran, Revd. Henry Curran, Becca Haines, Debs Hunt, Joyce Cooper, Jonathan Larsson, Lawrence Ward, Ian Knight, Chris Drew.

**Apologies:** Fiona Houghton

The meeting took place online due to government advice on Coronavirus introduced today. Most of our planned agenda was dropped to make time for an emergency discussion on our response to Coronavirus.

### Business from our planned agenda

**Item 3 Minutes of last meeting 27.01.2020:** We agreed that these are a true record and Henry should sign them.

**Item 3a Matters Arising:** Kathryn has marked in our database hymns which need explanation.

**Item 7 Buildings:** We deferred this item as the financial situation is uncertain.

**Item 4 Vicar's report:** The Coronavirus situation could be part of an answer to our prayers as an opportunity to be in touch with our parish.

**Item 6 2019 accounts:** These are currently being independently examined. We agreed unanimously to accept these subject to independent examination.

**Item 8 Safeguarding report:** Henry updated us on a safeguarding issue.

### Emergency business related to Coronavirus

#### **Use of buildings**

We agreed to suspend Sunday services.

Church Hall: We agreed not to stop groups whose livelihood depend on using the church hall, to encourage Crosstech to move towards working from home, and that Henry would discuss with our cleaner what she should do. We agreed that church staff should work from home.

Church: We agreed to close the building. The planned Easter Experience school visit should be rearranged to happen in school as it is non-essential. We agreed to cancel cleaning of the church until we do a deep clean before reopening.

#### **Continuing to be church family**

We agreed that three things must continue - encouraging one another in the faith, caring for vulnerable members and proclaiming Christ.

PCC and Morning Prayer have happened successfully online today. We can find other ways of including others who can't get online, possibly dialling in by phone. Connect Groups can also meet online and keep in touch with one another.

On Sundays we could meet online in the same way for a sermon and prayer, we may be able to do more such as Facebook Live or a watch party.

As a church family we can make a point of phoning people regularly and make the most of our Facebook group.

#### **Outreach**

The public may be able to join in with online services and can post prayer requests on our Facebook page.

Henry suggested a mail drop to all homes in our parish offering help with shopping, a link to our website and offering to co-ordinate a community response.

We suggested a notice saying Thank You to hospital staff who walk past church buildings.

We wanted to organise a large scale community celebration at the end of Coronavirus.

We wanted to continue encouraging one another in evangelism and could share practical ideas among the church family.

The PCC asked how to encourage the church staff team in this work – Henry suggested we pray, keep in touch and show the team that they are noticed.

### **Prayer**

We spent time praying together.