

St Peter's Church

Worship Committee

Held on Monday 26 October 2020 by Zoom

Present: Gill Heard (Chair), Richard Stenlake, Jenny Palmer, Jenny Park, Kate Henshall, Julian May, Joanna Hall-Tomkin, Anne Searle

Apologies: Rev. Robert Gordon

Gill opened the meeting by welcoming Joanna to the Worship Committee. As a new member of the PCC she has replaced Helen Fensome. She also thanked her for setting up the Zoom meeting.

1. **Minutes of the last meeting**

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

2. **Matters Arising**

Kate said how sad it was that so many things which had been mentioned in the Minutes hadn't taken place.

3. **Review of Services**

The Conference Call services had been started by Robert and Steph. People had found it quite emotional listening to people as they introduced themselves when they joined the call. Richard said that it had been very nice to 'meet' members of congregations from the Exe Valley. The numbers joining in had been considerable and, on some occasions, had reached 130.

Later on, the Zoom services started so that the attendees could be seen as well as heard. It is Robert's intention that these will continue for some time at 10 a.m. Everyone agreed that it has been lovely to be back at church and it was a great tribute to the people who had made it possible.

In July it had been possible for people to attend for private prayer in the Greenway Chapel. This had been appreciated by them and also visitors had been able to view the inside of the church from the Chapel. It is felt that it is now too cold for someone to be sat in the porch waiting for visitors and so this has stopped. There are, however, more signs around the church about the 11 a.m. services.

There have been many funerals at St Peter's, partly due to the fact that other churches in the area are not open. Robert has very kindly taken these on. They are only held on Wednesdays, as this allows the appropriate amount of time necessary to ensure a safe environment between Sundays and Wednesdays.

4. **Future Services**

All those present felt it was such a shame that we are not able to have the usual Christmas services. There would not be a tree in the church but Gill explained that it is hoped to provide something special outside in the churchyard. Robert hopes that children will be able to come into the

churchyard to join together in celebration. It is hoped that we can make Christmas 2021 really special.

Remembrance Sunday 8 November: The service is to start at 10.55 a.m. and there will be a 2 minutes silence. In order to keep social distancing, a maximum of 90 people will be able to be in church. Robert will be at the war memorial with just a few dignitaries.

Wednesday 2 December at 4 p.m. there will be an Advent celebration.

Sunday 20 December at 6 p.m. There will be a special service with readings and music.

It was mentioned that there will be a video presentation for Remembrance Sunday (similar to those for the flower festival and harvest) on the church website. These are produced by Steve Roache. Kate said that we should remind everyone that the website provides a lot of information, in addition to these videos.

Jenny Park said that she had enjoyed attending the communion service taken from the Book of Common Prayer at Chevithorne. These services take place on the third Sunday of each month.

4. Choir Items

The choir had been able to sing for a couple of weeks prior to the rule of 6 coming into effect. Rosie Bruce had kindly offered to help with the choir and had held one practice which was enjoyed by all the choir. Unfortunately, this was just before the rules changed. She has indicated that she would still be willing to help, when singing was allowed again.

It was agreed that the music provided by Guy during the services has been wonderful and very much appreciated by all those attending. Gill said that she would send a note of appreciation to Guy to thank him for all his efforts. The company which had installed the P.A. system had said that it would be an onerous job for the person at the controls during a service and that this would be their contribution to the services.

5. Any Other Business

Readers' list – Rod Hilton unfortunately is unable to continue preparing the list of readers, due to his wife's ill-health. The actual readings are pre-set and only a list of readers and the dates they would be needed is required. Julian May said that she would be happy to take this on and would liaise with Robert to obtain the appropriate texts.

Nickie Johnson is organising the Intercessions rota.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 4 January 2021 at 7 p.m. This will be a Zoom meeting, unless circumstances have changed by then. Joanna will set up the Zoom meeting.