

**St Peter's Church****Worship Committee**

Held on Monday 4 January 2021 at 7pm by Zoom

Present: Rev. Robert Gordon (acting Chair), Richard Stenlake, Jenny Palmer, Jenny Park, Kate Henshall, Joanna Hall-Tomkin, Anne Searle

Apologies: Gill Heard and Julian May

Robert explained that as Gill was unavailable, he would be Chairing the Meeting. He opened with a prayer.

**1. Minutes of the last meeting**

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

**2. Matters Arising**

Kate thanked the Committee on Guy's behalf for the card he had received in appreciation of all his efforts regarding the P.A. system and music during our services.

**3. Review of Services**

Sadly, it was rather a list of the services which had not been held due to the restrictions in place. These included the Remembrance Service, Advent celebration, School Christmas services, Festival of Light Hospice service and other usual Christmas services (Christingle, Midnight service).

Robert and Steph had continued to hold the Sunday telephone/Zoom services which were very much valued with, usually, around 100 people attending, including people from other parts of the Country. Kate said that she was aware that this had been invaluable to people who were housebound and felt unable to leave home. The Communion services at 11 a.m. at St Peter's had regularly been attended by 40 – 50 people.

Wednesday 16 December. Outside carol singing at Crwys Morchard which was attended by some people from St Peter's.

Sunday 20 December at 11 a.m. Carol singing outside Chevithorne Church.

Sunday 20 December 3 p.m. was a service of readings and carols. The music was mainly recorded but the choir sang 2 carols. We were pleased that Graham Willson played a short piece at the beginning of the service.

Thursday 24 December. A communion service was held at 3pm which would enable those attending to be home in the daylight. During the service Layla sang a carol and Graham played the organ.

#### **4. Future Services**

Robert explained that he had been working on the future services and asked if Ian Johnson, David Catchpole and David Hamer would like to form a rota. He had taken this as far as March. However, with a further lockdown imminent, it would be difficult to know how the plans would change. He would also have to consult Chevithorne to discuss their requirements. He also explained that, at present, we are only allowed 1 service in 48 hours (although this could be an evening service rather than morning), and 1 funeral which he would normally arrange for a Wednesday or Thursday, which would allow sufficient time before the church was used again to avoid having to deep clean.

Robert and Steph are planning to continue their Bible study group on Zoom and, in response to the Archbishop's call for a time of prayer, they provided this on several mornings. This is to be repeated on 18 – 25 January at 8.30 a.m. for St Peter's and the Exe Valley and St Andrew's and St George & St Paul.

#### **5. Choir Items**

The choir had been very fortunate that Rosie Bruce had been happy to provide choir practices, both in the church and on Zoom. This had been much appreciated by the choir and they had enjoyed singing at some of the services. She has said that she would be willing to continue with the rehearsals on Zoom and could possibly work on a couple of anthems for later in the year. It was mentioned that having the choir singing along with the recorded music was appreciated.

Robert said that he will ask the Finance Committee if a figure could be set aside in the budget for a Director of Music. Whilst this is unlikely to happen soon, he didn't want it to be forgotten.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

Richard mentioned that, having seen the new Readers' Rota kindly provided by Julian May, he was aware that he was the only male reader! He asked if he could possibly sound some gentlemen out to see if they would like to read. Jenny said that her son, Edward, would be joining the congregation regularly and he would probably be happy to read. It was suggested that Richard could see if he could find some more volunteers and then he should give the names to Julian, who could then ask them to join the rota.

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

**The date of the next meeting will be Monday 1 March at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Joanna will provide the link for this.**