

St Peter's Church

Worship Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2022

Present: Gill Heard (Chair) Jennifer Palmer, Richard Stenlake, Jennifer Park

Apologies: Julian May, Bill Zarrett, Jo Hall-Tomkin and Kate Henshall

Gill opened the Meeting with a Prayer.

1. **Minutes of last Meeting** were approved and signed.
2. **Matters Arising**

Appreciation was shown for Graham's contribution to the music for the Church Services during the time of the Interregnum. Even in his absence, he meticulously records organ music for the Choir and Congregation to sing to. Also to Bill for his part in the playing of the recording.

Richard reiterated his request to have the music for The Gloria typed and distributed to the Congregation. This had been discussed before. Again all of us appreciated the presence of the Choir and the beautiful choice of hymns.

It has been excellent to see newcomers to the Congregation on Sundays. Gill said how much it is appreciated that they are received so warmly by the Sidespeople. However, it was disappointing to see that Baptism families had not returned to Church for the Mothering Day Service. Jenny said that letters of invitation had been sent out, but there had been no response. It was hoped that if a Mother and Toddler Group was started up in the near future that may encourage some.

3. **Review of Services**

After the Easter Sunday Service Easter Eggs were distributed in knitted baskets to those in the Congregation, who were also encouraged to take some for people they knew of who were unable to get to Church. These had been very well received.

Gill said how much it was appreciated to have the visiting Clergy during this time, especially Nigel Mason, Andrew Beane and Jane Wilson. They had all been several times and enjoyed coming and are to visit us again.

4. **Future services**

2nd July Roy Webber's Ashes being scattered in the Churchyard nearby his wife's. Tony Fensome will be officiating.

3rd July Choir singing at Chevithorne's Patronal Service. No 10.15 am Service at St. Peter's, but there will be an 8.00 am Communion Service from the Book of Common Prayer at St. Peter's. Choir Lunch taking place at The Village Hall afterwards.

- 6th July Choir singing at Funeral at Chevithorne for a former member of St. Peter's Choir.
- 23rd July Alicia Parr's Wedding at 1 pm. Choir singing
- 24th July Mayor's Sunday and Parade
- 9th Aug Wedding of Dr Rachel Bundy in the Greenway Chapel (20 people in the Congregation).
- 21st Aug Baptism during Morning Service by The Revd Christopher Rowley.
- 9th Oct Celebration of the completion of the Reordering at Morning service. This will be our Harvest Festival Celebration as well. Bishop Robert will take the Service and we shall extend invitations to St Andrews and St. Thomas's and all visiting Clergy during the time of the Interregnum, the Diocesan Archaeologist, Crowstep Builders, local dignatories and others.

5. **Choir.**

Gill reported the Choir's delight that we had received an expression of interest for the position of Director of Music following our advertisement. The person in question is James Thomas who lives in Weymouth. He is very qualified and will be visiting on 10th July. Graham has expressed the wish that he would like to remain involved with the music after the new appointment. The Committee very much welcomed that.

6. **Any other Business**

After advertising for the position of Rector at St. Peter's only two applications were received, both of whom were unsuitable. Andrew Beane recommended that we re-advertise the post.

Adi Pannifer would like to retire from compiling the monthly Prayer Diary in the Magazine so someone was needed to take that on.

The Reordering would be completed by mid-July. It is hoped to find a professional cleaning company to move in and do what is necessary.

7. **Date of next Meeting**

Monday, 22nd August at 7.30 p.m. on Zoom.

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.