

# All Saints Church Consultative Committee

## Minutes of meeting held via Zoom 20 April 2020

### Present

Fr Alex Barrow  
Adrienne Jack  
Kathy Sheldon  
Mark Koshy-Baxter  
Mary Abel

Fiona Stewart  
Annette Forbes  
Deborah Carter  
Judith Mellor  
Bob Mann

Peter Halford  
Mary-Lynne Jones  
Sue Bonnell  
Geoff Stanton  
Robert Cowham

### Apologies for absence

Melita Massa

Elizabeth Mends

### Actions

Item	Owner
Lamplugh Plaque - AJ to find supplier and obtain quote for a plaque similar to the existing but with the new wording. FAB to send AJ and DC the revised wording; PH to send AJ and DC photograph and dimensions of existing plaque.	AJ/FAB/PH
Hall garden hedge - Best time for trimming and cost estimate to be obtained	BM
Write to those who have made the new kneelers to express the thanks of AS church	FAB
Thursday morning service via zoom - FAB to find out if this would be appreciated by those who normally attend	FAB
RC to run an online training session to show how to edit the website for those interested	RC
Share the MAP with the congregation via the newsletter	PH/FAB

#### 1 Approval of previous minutes

Following correction (by these minutes) of item 4.1 in those minutes to show that the Christmas tree had been decorated by FS and AJ and the recollection of AJ that she had volunteered to assist with the reworded Lamplugh plaque, the minutes of the meeting held 24 February 2020 were approved.

#### 2 Update on Actions from Previous Meeting

- 2.1 **Safeguarding** - FAB has re-circulated the link to the C-Zero on line safeguarding course to members of consultative. DC and AF have both taken the on-line course and considered it adequate for our needs. Agreed that the suggested talk by Christine Sherwood will be shelved. Mary Abel advised there is also freely accessible relevant information on the Diocesan website.
- 2.2 **Lamplugh Plaque** - AJ volunteered to try and find a supplier and quote for a plaque similar to the existing but with the new wording. FAB to send AJ and DC the revised wording and PH to send a photograph and dimensions of the existing plaque.
- 2.3 **Hall garden hedge** - Action with BM

- 2.4 Availability of large print words only NEH** - PH has spoken to the publisher. There are no large print words only hymnals in print and no plans to print a large font edition when the NEH is revised. PH had updated JM who has been in touch with RNIB as plainly a large print edition would probably be useful for many congregations.
- 2.5 Goodbox** - action completed - the Goodbox is now charged and brought out for the 10am service.
- 2.6 Road closure application** - action no longer relevant.
- 2.7 FAB to speak to chaplain of Roehampton University about possible helper for Small Saints** - FAB hasn't spoken but the timing is uncertain at present as the university is currently closed. The action will be picked up in September. FS said there is a student newsletter we can advertise in when things get back to normal.
- 2.8 Include asking what Small Saints have been doing, when possible, after notices** - action completed.
- 3 Review of church life since last meeting**
- Evensong is continuing and is advertised in the newsletter
  - Live broadcasts of services are taking place and have been welcomed - some liked when locations and formats change (e.g. formal, less formal, back garden for Easter vigil service etc)
  - A weekly newsletter with the homily, service sheets and readings is sent to all those for whom we have email addresses (approx. 190)
  - Activity sheets are sent each week to Small Saints and have been appreciated
  - It was felt useful to have the link to the facebook page included in each week's newsletter
  - It was suggested that the service broadcast should be started five minutes early so people know something is about to happen when they join (a notice saying 'service about to start' was suggested).
  - Palm Sunday crosses and flowers had been made available outside church and had been taken by passers-by - all felt it was good to have been able to do this
  - The Flower Team was thanked by FAB and all for its considerable contribution to helping to show the local community that the worship and liturgy of the church is continuing even though the doors are, for the time being, shut. RM had noted that everyone passing the Easter garden stops to read the small laminated explanatory postcards which were agreed to have been a brilliant idea.
  - FAB said the Easter Garden will stay until Pentecost and flowers in the porch will continue to be refreshed until the church is able to be open again.
  - Stations of the Cross via zoom were felt to have worked well (FAB and LS were thanked for preparing and taking these services). Those on consultative who had dialled in felt it allowed the terracotta stations to be seen in more detail than

is normally possible. AJ wondered whether they might be illuminated or displayed better so that the detail might be seen more clearly when in church.

- There was a question about whether everyone could access the internet - FAB is aware of only one person without access who receives a printed copy of the newsletter and service sheets etc, and if there are others without internet access, they also can have printed copies.
- All Saints Newsletter - it was agreed the production of the next issue should wait until house to house delivery by the members of the congregation who normally do this can again be made.
- Website - the website was discussed. Some felt the website could be improved but the problem is finding someone who can do this. RC said there had been a discussion in MAP group 1 which concluded that a team of editors was needed and not just one person. RC offered to run an on-line training session to show people how the website can be edited. FAB and MLJ volunteered to have training (and perhaps we might ask if there are other interested people via the weekly newsletter). Mary Abel said Cheri is always happy to post things on our section of the website - e.g. if we wanted to post the weekly newsletter.
- Thursday morning service - MLJ asked whether a virtual Thursday morning service via zoom might be welcomed by those who normally attended this. FAB will find out.
- FAB was asked whether a hymn or piece of music could be incorporated into the 10am on-line service. FAB said there were problems with playing recorded music over facebook and issues of copyright also so not straightforward unfortunately.

#### **4 Planning ahead for when church reopens**

- Opening is likely to be gradual
- We will plan for continuation of live streaming services from church when church is reopened until no longer considered necessary
- Richard Lyne's suggestion for a choir concert when things are back to normal was welcomed.

#### **5 Finance**

- The revised budget prepared by BM had been circulated prior to the meeting
- BM explained that this assumes no income or expenditure (save where already committed) until September
- The choir account which pays half of the organist's fees, is expected to run into deficit and it is agreed to meet those costs from the donations account for the time being
- FAB thanked BM for all his work on the budget and finances generally

#### **6 Nursery**

GS is proposing a virtual F&P meeting to discuss parish wide finances and the nursery situation affecting all three churches in the parish and it is agreed FAB, BM, PH and FS will have a meeting after this to discuss the particular issues with the AS nursery where the nursery is approx £12k in arrears.

BM has asked what the nursery's plans for operation and funding are during coronavirus.

## 7 MAP

- It is agreed to share the MAP with the congregation via the newsletter with the intention that as soon as we are able to start getting together again members of the congregation may join a MAP group if they wish to.
- FAB suggests the current groups may wish to meet by Zoom to look at where they are currently and what it might be possible to do on behalf of the congregation during the lockdown period.
- SB reported back, and was thanked by FAB, on a second successful lunch that had been organised as part of MAP group 3. SB said another lunch will be arranged when things get back to normal!

## 8 Articles of Enquiry and Statistics for Mission

These two annual returns, which are completed by the churchwardens, have been submitted to the Diocese as required. The first is followed by a visit by the Area Dean to check, *inter alia*, that all compliance documentation and church registers are in order. The second provides statistics to the Diocese for their review.

## 9 AOB

**Siting of the Phil and Lorna Scherzinger memorial bench** - Consultative was asked to consider whether the bench might be moved to an alternative location nearer the hall. Following discussion, it was agreed that for the present the bench would remain where it is in the kitchen garden.

**Advertising church Activity to the wider/local community** - KS wondered whether it might be possible to advertise within the local/wider community what the church is doing. It was agreed this would be considered by MAP group 1.

*(N.B. There are notices on the church noticeboard advising how to access the on-line church services and to remind that although the church is closed it remains spiritually alive and pastorally active together with details of contacts - PH)*

## 20 Date of next Meeting

TBA

The meeting ended with the Grace.

PH 27 April 2020