

Parish of Mortlake with East Sheen

Minutes of PCC Committees

COMMITTEE NAME:	DATE OF MEETING:
PCC	Wednesday 3 February 2021 (via Zoom)

ATTENDEES:

The Revd Canon Ann Nickson, the Revd Alex Barrow, Mary Abel, Celia Catchpole, John Ancock, Lindsay Ancock, Jon Blythe, Robert Davenport, Richard Dewhurst, Janet Dewhurst, Peter Halford, Perry Kitchen, Greg Kyle, Alex Bielstein, Judith Mellor, Wendy Moss, Paul Russenberger, Fiona Stewart, Michael Stewart, Kate Woodhouse

HEADLINES:

Agenda item number	Headlines, decisions, action points	Action

No	Item	Action
1	Apologies David Bradshaw, Neil Davies, Sheila Hamilton, Mary-Lynne Jones, Francis Ring-Davies, Patrick McLoughlan	
2	Notification of Two-Minute Items There were none	
3, 4	Minutes and Matters Arising MA asked that item 6 be amended to record that 'a decision was agreed to build a party wall on the boundary line between 84 and 86 East Sheen Avenue'. The minutes of the PCC meeting on 30 November 2020 were then proposed by MA and seconded by CC and agreed unanimously. There were no summary records of PCC committee meetings.	
5	Church during Covid-19 AN had written to the PCC earlier that SM and CC would be closed for worship on Sundays but that AS would be open. SM will be closed until at least 21 February and CC until at least 28 February with the situation reviewed the week before. St Mary's had an outbreak of Covid in the choir, a salutary reminder that we should all remain alert. The Church of England is updating its guidelines regularly.	
6	Treasurer's report JB reported that it is too early to have the finished accounts for 2020. It is likely that the predicted deficit of £20,000 will be understated. The accounts are not behind schedule, because of the date of Easter this meeting is earlier in the year than usual. The parish has received two legacies, £56k from the Berners-Lees (SM) and £25k from Adam Burr (CC). JB led the meeting in thanks to the families for these legacies. Covid has affected the income of the individual churches more than the parish's, the parish has economised by furloughing staff where possible which has resulted in payment of £3055 from HMRC. Work at 17SGG will be £12k, it may be necessary to dip into the Fabric Fund for this. AN thanked JB for all his work and emphasised that it was an early meeting not late accounts.	
7	Finance and Property Report MA thanked Cheri for her tireless hard work in ensuring that work on 17SGG has been completed on time and within budget. The main expenditure was on the drains, followed by filling cracks, redecorating, minor repairs, gas and electricity checks, gutters and the garden. AN thanked MA for her part in this work. CC reported that there is a leak in roof at the nursery in Alder Road, repairs will cost about £900.	

8	<p>Update on Wider Church Issues</p> <p>AB reported that at Deanery Synod, the Revd Richard Sewell spoke about the recently signed covenant between the Dioceses of Southwark and Jerusalem, which covers Jordan, Palestine, Israel, Syria and Lebanon. There is much poverty, little healthcare, many people living in need, particularly in the Occupied Territories.</p> <p>There was also an update on Glass Door in Richmond.</p> <p>The Team Rector of Richmond reported that Christ's School needs to recruit five governors, all offers welcome.</p>	All
9	<p>Rector's report</p> <p>AN reported that the Revd Chris Griffiths's licensing at Christ Church Wednesday 24 February at 7.30pm has not yet finalised by Bishop Richard. It will either be a service in church with clergy and wardens which would be livestreamed, or via Zoom. Chris, his wife Tamsin and son Nathan will move into the parish on 15 February.</p> <p>The usual Lent lectures will not be possible this year. AS will have a five-week course on Sundays at 6.30pm to discuss words used in prayer and worship, SM will discuss the York course on Psalms and the poems of Malcolm Guite at 6.00pm on Sundays. These courses are church rather than parish based as it is difficult to have large discussion groups via Zoom but they are open to everyone.</p>	
10	<p>Health and Safety</p> <p>JA reported that the pavement outside CC has been repaired. No other issues.</p>	
11	<p>Church reports</p> <p>All Saints: FS reported that keeping the Sunday morning services open has worked, some people from other churches have attended, some people from AS have stayed away. The Christingle service in the hall garden was wet but enjoyable. The crib service on Christmas Eve was popular and will probably be repeated next year. The crib outside the church was a good physical presence and appreciated by passers-by. It stayed up until this week.</p> <p>Notice has been served on the nursery for non-payment of rent, as agreed at the PCC meeting on 26 November 2019.</p> <p>2020 finances should break even thanks to fund-raising events including a reduced Christmas Fair which made £1k.</p> <p>St Mary's: PK reported that instead of the crib service children of the congregation contributed to 'God is with us', a video of the Christmas story, with thanks to GK for putting it together. There were two well-attended carol services, after which the choir was struck with Covid so Christmas services were from the Rectory.</p> <p>The year-end finances are about £5k over budget as all events and activities which generate income were cancelled.</p> <p>We welcomed Hugh Crook as our new Director of Music.</p> <p>Christ Church: JA reported that thanks to their new organist, music at Christmas was very well received. Two carol services were well attended with a good number of children at each. The outside crib has been popular with Sheen Mount families. The church is open for private worship each afternoon.</p> <p>Thanks to help from PK and GK, he hopes that livestreaming should be set up by Chris's licensing.</p> <p>JA will bring a faculty request for a new sound system to the next PCC meeting.</p>	JA
12	<p>Parish Wardens' Report Nothing further to report</p>	
9	<p>Two minute items There were none.</p>	
9	<p>Date of Next Meetings</p> <p>Tuesday 13 April 2021</p> <p>APCM followed by PCC Monday 24 May 2021</p> <p>Monday 5th July 2021</p> <p>Tuesday 28 September 2021</p> <p>Wednesday 1 December 2021</p> <p>Tuesday 1 February 2022</p> <p>Wednesday 30 March 2022</p> <p>APCM Tuesday 24 May 2022</p>	