

PARISH OF ST PETER'S, COLCHESTER

Minutes of the Meetings of the Parochial Church Council held on Thursday 3rd February 2022

Chairman: Revd Mark Wallace

FIRST MEETING

1. WELCOME

The Revd Mark Wallace welcomed The Venerable Ruth Patten (Archdeacon of Colchester), Revd Canon Paul Norrington (Area Dean of Colchester), Canon Roger Ennals (Lay Chair of the Colchester Deanery), and Mr Nathan Whitehead (Head of Service Delivery for the Diocese of Chelmsford) to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

See Appendix 1.

3. OPENING BIBLE THOUGHT & PRAYER

The Vicar read from Proverbs 21.1 and led the meeting in prayer.

4. THE PROPOSED DISSOLUTION OF THE BENEFICE

Archdeacon Ruth gave an overview of the situation and invited comment from PCC members. It was agreed that the proposed dissolution of the benefice is the right way forward. Mr Nathan Whitehead presented the draft proposals for pastoral reorganisation, explained the legal process, and answered various questions. The PCC was reassured that the outcome of the process would mean the lifting of the suspension for St Peter's and that, once underway, a change in the circumstances of the present incumbent of St Peter's would not require a restart of the process.

The PCC expressed its satisfaction with this proposal and its desire for the process to start as soon as possible.

5. PRAYER

The first meeting closed in prayer.

The Archdeacon, the Area Dean, the Lay Chair, and Mr Whitehead all withdrew.

SECOND MEETING (PCC only)

1. REVIEW OF THE UPDATED 'BUILDINGS, FABRIC & MAINTENANCE' REPORT

The Vicar gave a review of the 'Buildings, Fabric & Maintenance' report and the PCC discussed various items that required attention.

2. DISCUSSION OF THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE 'MINISTRY APPOINTMENT PROPOSAL'

The Vicar presented the meeting a proposal for a Ministry Appointment, to take effect from September 2022. The ensuing discussion addressed the methods and forums for advertising, options for the job title, and the financial commitment involved. The general of direction was approved.

3. AOB

Two items of AOB were raised.

- a) The PCC discussed the pattern of PCC meetings, and agreed that the pattern of meeting on the second Tuesday of most months might need revising. The Vicar agreed to co-ordinate options for the summer and beyond, with Monday being a preferred option.
- b) The Vicar informed that the PCC had not yet received a response from Bishop Guli in relation to the resolution which the PCC had passed in November 2019. The Vicar was requested to follow up on this as a matter of urgency.

4. PRAYER

Various members closed the meeting in prayer.

APPENDIX 1

Mr Duncan Breckels	present
Mr James Coe	apologies
Dr Matt Cox	present
Mr Tim Hearn	present
Mrs Anne Kavanagh	present
Dr Mick Kavanagh	present
Mr Richard Lawn	present
Mrs Val Morris	present
Mrs Clare Reid	apologies
Revd Mark Wallace	present
Mrs Bernice Watts	present
Dr Dan Watts	present
Mrs Wendy Whitfield	present