



**Minutes of the St Augustine's P.C.C. Meeting held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

| <b>Members Present:</b>       |  |   |   |
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| Colin Russell (Treasurer)     |  | Karen Kindley   | In attendance: Dawn Holley (as Minute Taker)        |
| Martin Everett (Churchwarden) |  | Peter Somerville  |   |
| Mhoira Brewer (Churchwarden)  |  | Ian Stobart   |   |
| Margaret Ridley (Secretary)   |  | Fred Watson   |   |
| Linda Barnard                 |  |   |   |
| Paul Chisnell                 |  |   |   |
| Megan Dugdale                 |  |   |   |
|                               | <b>Agenda Point</b>                              | <b>Discussion /Decisions</b>  | <b>Proposed/Seconded/Agreed</b>                     |
| 1                             | Opening Prayer                                   | The meeting opened at 8.02 pm following a prayer.   |   |
| 2                             | Apologies for absence                            | None.   |   |
| 3                             | Minutes of the meeting Tuesday 21st January 2020 | These were approved as a correct record of the meeting.   | Proposed: IS<br>Seconded: FW<br>Unanimously agreed. |
| 4                             | Matters arising from January minutes             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APCM has been rescheduled to 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020.</li> <li>• Contactless – CR confirmed that we cannot identify the donor from contactless donations. JC thanked IS for arranging the contactless giving and luckily St. Augustine's were able to being at just the right time. PC asked about how we would gift aid in future when the "small amounts" limit is reached. JC said we will look into this for April 2021.</li> </ul> |   |
| 5                             | Authorisation of Reports for APCM                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ME reported that the Electoral Roll report will not be completed until 4<sup>th</sup> October and will have the final figures.</li> <li>• JC added the section on Safeguarding.</li> <li>• Deanery Synod Report: LB commented that it is perfect.</li> </ul>   |   |

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|   |                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finanaces: Examiner has completed his work and has not amended anything in the accounts. CR informed the PCC that the Independent Examiner has stood down and CR will conduct a search for a replacement. Financial Report approved by PCC in January 2020.</li> <li>• Churchwarden Report – please amend title to Fabric Report.</li> <li>• JC asked PCC to vote on agreement to present reports to APCM.</li> </ul>   | <p>Proposed: MR<br/> Seconded: FW<br/> Unanimously agreed.</p> |
| 6 | Deanery Synod Report  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appendix of Vicar’s Report for this meeting.</li> <li>• No meeting but it has been a busy time for the DS. 10% stipendary cuts have been requested so Green / Amber / Red has been assigned to posts in order to decide which is to go. JC commented that this has been neither easy nor pleasant. The Archdeacon should have set these by 10<sup>th</sup> July but it has been held up at diocesan level. JC believes St. Augustine’s should be a “Green” parish as we cover ministry and has the second largest congregation in the deanery.</li> <li>• LB commented that it should have been known by now who the next Area Dean is but has not yet been announced. JC mentioned that he would be seeing the Bishop soon and is sure it will be mentioned then.</li> </ul> |  |
| 7 | Churchwardens’ Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This report shows how much has been happening during the last eight months – more than the whole of last year.</li> <li>• MB: a lot of work has been done by the Vicar rolling up his sleeves. Attention will be given to the flower beds now the ground is easier to work. MB is speaking to a candidate for the Book of Remembrance work – please let MB know if you have anyone you would like added. Sally the cleaner is going into hospital but we are lucky to have two back up cleaners to stand in.</li> <li>• JC mentioned the repointing and that it is being completed bit by bit – as funds allow.</li> <li>• JC then commented that the church has never been so beautiful and clean – thank you to everyone involved.</li> </ul>                               |  |

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| 8 | Treasurer's Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CR felt it necessary to send out a request for financial assistance and was very grateful indeed to inform the PCC that he had so far received 34 donations totalling £9056. CR was hoping that Christmas would be back to normal but now looks like it will not be so we will be at least £3k down due to no Carol service etc.</li> <li>● CR informed the meeting that St. Augustine's would be receiving a legacy of £10k from the estate of Michael Porter and is thankful for this.</li> <li>● JC informed the meeting that CR cashed in reserves just before the stock dropped 30% of its value. CR mentioned that luckily the investments are still worth more than they were in January.</li> <li>● JC thanked CR for his work.</li> </ul>  |  |
| 9 | Vicar's Report     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This is a summation of what we know already: JC has recorded some school assemblies, christenings have been cancelled again, funerals are down, the extension is going through the diocesan process.</li> <li>● Father Frank Smith has joined St. Augustine's – it is good to have him with us.</li> <li>● JC mentioned that we are still in a period of transition due to Government guidance constantly changing and because of this will think about Junior Church after the Christmas period. Harvest Festival – a note was sent to baptism families. Remembrance Sunday will be tricky. At the moment I have no idea about the Crib Service – MD suggested a booking in service. KK mentioned that schools are spending so much time segregating children why would we let our children mix in a church service but believes that small children would come as they are not being kept apart at school. MB suggested a recorded version of the Crib Service for school and LB suggested advertising this by a large notice outside. JC will bear all of this in mind.</li> </ul> |  |

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| 10 | Canon Dr Linda Barnard's reauthorisation to preach | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Barnard was last re-authorized 3 years ago and so the time has come to re-consider the authoriation. LB left the room so the PCC could vote. JC informed the meeting that the Bishop confirms authorisation by seeking the view of the PCC so please let us vote o Dr Barnard continuing her role of Lay Preacher.</li> <li>• After the vote LB returned to the meeting and was informed of the result of the vote and thanked everyone. JC said well done to Dr Barnard and was glad for her to continue.</li> </ul>   | Proposed: MD<br>Seconded: MR<br>Unanimously agreed. |
| 11 | AOB  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CR proposed that the recipient of the Copperpots should remain the same for 2021 (the Golden Geese Foundation) as the collections have not been taking place as they would usually throughout the year. The PCC agreed.</li> <li>• JC spoke to the meeting about the APCM on 18<sup>th</sup> October. Election of Churchwardens – ME would like to stand down at this year's meeting and Mark Wilcox has kindly agreed to stand for Churchwarden (anyone is free to stand against MW should they wish), he is conscientious and very able; having not served on a PCC. Peter Somerville is going to stand down from the Deanery Synod. LB, MR and ME were on it, 2 of whom are willing to stand. Barbara Black is willing to stand for PCC which is great. As this is the last meeting before the APCM I would like to thank you warmly for your support and trust during this COVID situation.</li> <li>• MB mentioned that could the PCC postpone the appointment of Sidesmen until after COVID as we have lost a few and need to draw up a new list.</li> <li>• MD informed the meeting that she will be standing down and this would be her last meeting and she would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for being so kind. JC thanked Megan for everything she has done for St. Augustine's: the trips with the younger church members, for offering a different view to the PCC, thank you. A round of applause was conducted for Megan – she will be missed.</li> </ul> |   |

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| 11 | Dates of 2020 meetings | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Standing Committee</u></b><br/>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>PCC</u></b><br/>Tues 17<sup>th</sup> November – <i>re-election of officers</i></p> |  |
| 12 | Closing prayer         | The meeting closed at 8.51 pm in prayer led by the vicar.   |   |  |