

St. Andrew's and St. Peter's Church, Toller Porcorum

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council held in the Church

Thursday October 22nd at 7pm

1. Present: Judy Miller (Secretary), Keith Miller, Paul Leppitt, David Wallbridge, Mike Boardman (Treasurer), Jenny Wardle, Rev'd David Baldwin, David Ennals (Churchwarden).
2. Apologies: Thelma Billen.
3. Minutes of the last meeting (from the AGM): approved as circulated.
4. Matters Arising: Sides persons to be organised - November is an exception, but in most months sides persons will be required for only 1st and 3rd Sunday, therefore these will be 1st Sunday DW, 3rd Sunday DE.
5. Reports:
 - Building & Financial – MB had submitted his report. VAT still to be claimed back. Finances are a grave concern, if the architect was paid off there would be no money left going forward into 2021. PL, DE and DB to meet to plan stewardship strategies.
 - Building – still awaiting a stone to be cut to complete the tower repair. Bat report may cost £2000, but would cost nothing if carried out by Bat Conservatory Council – (the latter are not functioning currently due to Covid). Architect still needs to do drawings for roof, but this will incur further charges. The drawings are needed before a faculty can be obtained.
6. Arrangements for Remembrance Eucharist Service: service taken by Patrick Evans (Retired Archdeacon of Canterbury). Service sheets will be provided. DE offered to do a poster, but with a note to state that the PCC needed to know numbers attending in order to formulate a safe seating plan.
7. Arrangements for Christmas Services: due to the restricted numbers in church, it was decided that it is not possible to have the normal Carol Service. Our contribution to the village this year will be the Christmas Take Away Meal. And we will have a Christmas Day Eucharist. There will be an on-line service possibly from the Tuesday before Christmas.
8. Winter Services to be in Village Hall? No, because of the rule of six! Therefore, services will have to be in church unless there is a rule change.

9. Date for Take Away Christmas Lunch: Sunday 13th 12.30 – 2pm.

10. Any other business: DW will paint steps and rail to make them more visible (as the nights draw in). Rector kindly agreed to telephone Mrs Pat Hills. Rector will be planning next year's PCC and AGM meetings, but extra meetings can be organised if there are specific items of business to be decided upon. Zoom meetings are a possibility. DW was thanked formerly for all his work in covering for DE and for overseeing that Covid regulations are enforced at services and maintaining the '72 hour rule'. Rev'd Tim Byles has been awarded the MBE. Rev'd David Shearlock has recovered well and hopes to start conducting services again from start of November

Date of next meeting: TBA.

The Rector concluded the meeting with a prayer and The Grace.

D. Ennals.