

Parish Church of St Luke – Holmes Chapel (Church Hulme)

Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Zoom meeting

Monday 12th July 2021, 7.30pm

		Actions
	Present: Canon Rob McLaren (Vicar and Chairman), Alastair Cragg, Jayne Weaver, Janet Chettle (Secretary), Peter Cotton, Val Cragg, Alison Dale, Tim Fryer, William Hall (Treasurer), Yvonne Janvier, Trevor Jenkins, Paula Lavin, Wendy Macdonald, John Oram, Fiona Pullé, Alan Rickards, Barbara Smith, and Steve Smith,	
1.	Welcome and Opening – Rob Welcomed everyone and set the context by focusing on Revelation 19 and Article 2 – Of the word or Son of God, which was made very Man -of the 39 Articles of Religion of the Church of England	
2.	Apologies for absence – Ray Davies and Stephen Haigh	
3.	Chairman’s report – Rob outlined the many challenges that we have faced as a church, first the interregnum, then Covid. The next few months will be difficult both resuming church life in church and within the community. There are many lost habits including church going and giving. We must seek the way forward with the Lord and pray that the Lord will lead us.	
4.	Minutes of meeting on Monday 10th May 2021 – these had been circulated and were adopted nem.con.(as proposed by Jayne Weaver and seconded by Alastair Cragg): the minutes will be signed by the Chairman in due course.	
5.	Matters arising from previous meeting (not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda): a) Churches together – Yvonne Janvier has come forward to be one of our representatives on the Churches Together Committee. However, there is still another place so please think about it and suggest someone who would like to fulfil this role.	All
6.	Churchwardens report – this had been circulated. Some early feedback has been received from the DAC with some questions which are being worked through. It is likely that the lighting	

	<p>installation may be later than planned and it may not be possible to get this done by the end of the year.</p> <p>There was a query about adult groups using the church hall. One group had started using it. However, the hall will be needed for Wednesday services when the church is closed, and the groups have been contacted about this.</p> <p>The children will start using the hall for Genesis from September.</p>	
7.	<p>Financial Matters – A report was circulated with the agenda. It was highlighted that there are current financial difficulties and we need to resolve these to get the finances moving in the right direction. The good news is that the organ and lighting appeal has now reached £70K.</p>	
8.	<p>Organ and Lighting Projects – an update was given. Steve Smith has met with Philip Cartwright at St Luke's today so that he could assess the space for the new organ console and the carpentry which would be involved. The footprint of the new console is larger than the present one, but the good news is that it will fit in well, without significant disruption to the floor platform, and still allow access to the altar frontal cupboard. He has a specialist carpenter who can do the minor work involved.</p> <p>Here is the schedule for the organ works confirmed today with Philip:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 19th - Friday 23rd July - removal of existing organ from gallery using moveable tower scaffold - tower scaffold to be removed by end of 23rd July [Note: we need to advise neighbours in Church View about the possible temporary disruption to through traffic.] • Sunday 25th July - Thursday 5th August - church available for use without organ. [note wedding on Thursday 5th August] • Friday 6th August - Friday 27th August - church closed for public access. • Friday 6th August - fixed scaffolding erected for installation of new organ in gallery and for associated works - safe walkway to be provided to the central aisle for access by vicar and church officials only - some organ components may be assembled/stored in the rear pews/side aisles during the installation. [Note: we will need to advise neighbours in Church View about the possible temporary disruption to through traffic on 6th August.] <p>Philip knows about the plan to open the church for full corporate worship from Sunday 5th September and the recital booked with Ian Tracey for 2nd Oct (for which of course the organ needs to be fully tuned and bedded in). A set of keys will be provided to the church and hall doors for Philip during the works.</p>	

	<p>It was felt there would be a lot of positives for Genesis leaders as they would be involved in the whole church service. This would also encourage children and families to come to church</p> <p>The choir would be at the 9.00am service for possibly 2/3 times a month along with a quartet possibly singing in parts. It was felt to be positive to have one liturgy. Concerns were raised about older people not being able to get to the 9.00am service, but pointing out the midweek communion is a good alternative. A vote was taken on these changes - 15 were <i>enthusiastic</i> and 2 were generally welcoming</p>	
10.	<p>Any other Business – no specific items had been received However, it was raised that there will need to be more people who are able to operate the IT/Screens for the 10.30 service There will be a need for a rota of readers. Tim Fryer confirmed that Prayer Ministry will continue to be available at the end of services.</p>	The wardens will assist with this
11.	<p>Future PCC Meetings (normally 7.30pm 2nd Monday in the month – venue to be decided)</p> <p>2021: 20th September and 8th November</p> <p>2022 10th January and 7th March Annual Church meetings Sunday 8th May 2022</p>	
12	<p>Close of Meeting – there being no further business Rob closed the meeting with prayer.</p>	