

Liz Aver, Marc Baker, Ben Goddard, Martin Handford, Lucy Larkin, Heather Alford

**Attendees**

**Apologies:** N/A

**Note Taker:** Heather Alford

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| <p><b>Reflections and feedback on the Easter Services</b></p>  | <p>After opening the meeting with a prayer, we looked back on how people had responded to the services available over Easter. The three communion services (led by Lucy L) were well attended on Maundy Thursday (especially in the evening) and people seemed encouraged and thankful for the opportunity to take communion and have time to reflect and prepare for Easter in what they felt was a safe environment. Similarly, there was a good uptake at the All Age Reflection in the morning (led by Steve M) and the Reflection in the afternoon (led by Marc) on Good Friday. It was also good that we had prepared to provide two services on Easter Sunday as there were 70 adults at the 10.30am and 47 adults at the 12am service so both were strongly attended. There was positive feedback from all of these services although Marc was concerned that the taking of communion could be made safer in the first service where there were more people, and not everyone used the side aisle to return to their seats hence providing a one-way system. The possibility of creating a second point of distribution (at the back perhaps) (BG), putting together a video explaining the process (SM) and providing a masked steward (MH) could help with timing and clarify the procedure. One seat could be taken out either side of aisle for services involving communion.</p>   | <p>Martin, Steve, Ben.</p>                          | <p>Next Communion Service.</p>                  |
| <p><b>Booking system for services, the possible need for two services and various items related to the services.</b></p> | <p>Office is sometimes pressurized by several requests for different options as to what combination of seats is available in terms of family groupings. People sometimes book the 5 slot for 2 spaces as that is all that is left. The combination offered is 4x1, 10x2, 4x3, 2x4, 2x5 giving 54 spaces. Steve felt it was possible to tweak the numbers to reconfigure what is needed and offered to talk about bookings with Kay. May need to have 2 services in the weeks ahead if numbers continue to increase with children’s provision at the first service (10.30am) and the second service at 12am. There had been a positive start to Sunday club (11 children) and Youth group (Jo S and Alison B to be asked for feedback) Only one service would be livestreamed. There was also a pastoral need to identify ones or twos who may need support in coming back to services in the building (either transport or feeling of safety). We were all encouraged as a leadership team to talk to people individually about this. Need to encourage people to book early and cancel if necessary. Length of service – aim for 45-50 minutes. Possibility of children being able to start with their families in the church service in the weeks ahead. Positive aspect of having the readings and prayers from people actually in the church building was noted. Need to balance people in church v people on zoom with more emphasis being placed on those in church. All people need to feel part of the church service which will be the challenge in the weeks ahead.</p> | <p>Steve<br/><br/>Steve to monitor<br/><br/>All</p> | <p>Next Sunday<br/><br/><br/>Next few weeks</p> |

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| <p><b>Marc's Sabbatical</b></p>             | <p>Marc has already put in place a robust system of overall governance in his absence from the beginning of May until the beginning of September (August being his annual leave). Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April is Marc's last Sunday and the APCM is his last church event. The following will assume responsibility in his absence.</p> <p>Neil Bridle: Lay chair of PCC and Standing Committee</p> <p>Steve Murray: Leader of AH Congregation and AH leadership team.</p> <p>Martin Handford: Assisting Steve in his role as church warden of All Hallows and to oversee newcomers and welcome with Catherine.</p> <p>Will Harewood: Preparing a teaching series on Thessalonians. Also to lead meetings for Small group leaders in liaison with Liz A who will be the point of contact for small groups.</p> <p>Summer all age series: Various people have been asked to lead including Wendy V, Jonny A, Jo Stone and Lucy.</p> <p>Ben Morgan-Lundie and Paul Salomon have also been asked to take services.</p> <p>Frequency of celebrating communion needs to be decided dependent on who is available.</p> <p>Kay and Sian: Office and admin</p> <p>Ben G: To take over IT responsibility.</p> <p>Ben mentioned the need to encourage youth group to help with camera (currently one Sunday on and one off) and sound (currently two on and one off). Steve will consider this and ask youth group.</p> | Steve to ask |         |
| <p><b>Associate minister interviews</b></p> | <p>Marc is working things through with the preferred candidate.</p>  |              |         |
| <p><b>Hannah</b></p>                        | <p>Steve mentioned the need to give thanks and support to Hannah for all that she has done for our church family as she will be leaving at the same time as Steve.</p>   | All          |         |

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| <b>Prayer and date of next meeting</b> | Everyone thanked Marc and expressed good wishes and prayer that his sabbatical will be a refreshing, beneficial and fruitful time for him. The meeting ended with prayer.<br>Date of next meeting suggestion: Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> May as the following Monday will be a Bank Holiday. To be confirmed. | Steve          |                |