

Notes of Meeting All Hallows Leadership Team

22th February 2021

Attendees: Heather Alford, Liz Aver, Marc Baker, Ben Goddard, Martin Handford, Lucy Larkin, Steve Murray.

1. Minutes to be taken by Lucy.
2. No apologies.
3. The meeting began with a short time of prayer.

Item	Summary of discussion/action	By whom	By when
4.	<p>The main item for discussion concerned how and when we open up the church as the nation comes out of lockdown in stages over the next few months. This included what the 'new normal' might look like for All Hallows in the aftermath of the pandemic. The balance is between giving people permission to come back to church but not alienating those who are cautious about doing so. We should consider the needs of individuals in their variety.</p> <p>We discussed provision for children and young people, including the availability of leaders. In the short term, we agreed to welcome people into church (with socially distanced measures in place) from the 14th March, Mothering Sunday. This will be an All-Age Service. The next two Sundays (21st and 28th March) will be services with Sunday Clubs meeting. The following two Sundays (over Easter) will be All-Age services. People will need to book their places in church and be directed to seats etc. as per the practice between the previous lockdowns.</p> <p>In the longer term, we expect that the numbers of people returning to church in person will rise. Before lockdown there were about 110 adults and several children in the congregation. Our socially distanced capacity is between 50-60 people. We envisage that we will need to maintain social distancing measures until the 21st June. We spent a while talking about the possibility of meeting outside in larger numbers, possibly with a marquee and being attentive to week-to-week to weather conditions to determine how we might meet.</p> <p>We noted that the on-line component of services will continue into the future and thus the need to be responsive to the worshipping needs of the majority of people, whether they be in the church building in person or online. We could envisage that the Zoom component will end at some point. We also noted the need to resume Communion in some form.</p>		
5.	<p>The Course on Issues facing our world over three Wednesday evenings in Lent will be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Environmental Crisis - 24th February 2. The Rise of Technology and Life in a Digital Age - 10th March 3. How should we respond to rising Mental Health challenges - 24th March <p>Marc will introduce the speaker and after they have presented, we will break into groups to discuss the topic, meet with one another and possibly pray. We discussed how to 'manage' the groups, deciding to assign people to groups randomly. The group can agree on a leader to facilitate the discussion.</p>		
6	We identified some individuals who might need additional support currently.	.	
7.	We had an extended time of prayer.		
8.	Date of next meeting 22nd March 2021.		