

**Attendees** Lucy Larkin, Heather Alford, Liz Aver, Hugh Barne, Martin Handford

**Apologies:** Nil

**Note Taker:** Martin Handford

Item	Summary of discussion/Action	By whom	By when
<b>Introduction</b>	<p>Lucy opened the meeting in prayer</p> <p>Lucy asked that the meeting note and the minutes record the thanks of the AHLT for Martin's planning, preparation and leadership of the meetings over the last few months. (Lucy also reiterated these comments at the end of the meeting).</p> <p>Martin thanked everyone for making time for this extra meeting. He introduced the discussion which was largely to focus on the anticipated needs for the joint congregations service on September 5<sup>th</sup> and how we might manage the increased numbers that are likely to be present especially as the service is planned to be followed immediately afterwards by the church bbq at the vicarage. He referred to emails that had been sent to everyone prior to the meeting :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. From Sian reference potential maximum seating numbers</li> <li>2. From Sian reference the rising incidences of Covid in Cornwall</li> <li>3. From Neil Bridle and Stephen Baird reference the views of the Truro Leadership Team in respect to their church family coming to the joint service</li> </ol>		
<b>Thoughts on the Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September service</b>	<p>In her email Sian had indicated that in recent weeks AH has had approximately 50 - 53 adults and 12 children attending services. Truro church family have had about 35 adults and 10 children. That could give a joint total of approximately 110 people. At our previous meeting we agreed that we would also use the number of people who have booked on to the church bbq as a number that might help us guesstimate potential numbers attending Sunday's service. Kay Mumford confirmed to Martin that 86 adults and 36 children were booked in. Currently the church has seating for 120 and Sian has planned to increase the seating to accommodate 170 . The team discussed these numbers recognizing that, for increased Covid safety we would want to leave 2 seat spaces between bubbles. The increased seating capacity that would still allow for the continued provision of safe spacing between bubbles.</p> <p>Both Lucy and Liz said that they thought some people will still be hesitant about coming back to church yet – because it is still too soon, that people remain cautious, because of the rising numbers being experienced in Cornwall at present.</p> <p>Given all of the above the team believed that it is unlikely that we will experience problems with being able to provide enough seating. However, because we cannot know the exact number of attendees it was agreed to consider options for an "overflow" area – see below</p>		

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	(Subsequent to the meeting Sian advised that there is currently a provision for 150 seats.)		
<b>Proposed actions</b>	<p>To help our church family members in making a decision about whether to attend this Sunday's service it was agreed that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We need to make clear how we intend to continue managing Covid safety measures by issuing a new slightly stronger message about the need to wear masks during the church service. The message will also include detailed information on the other steps we are taking. eg.:-               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Offering masks to anyone who doesn't have one</li> <li>b. Putting anyone who cannot or wont wear a mask in the rear rows of seating</li> <li>c. Reminding people that our Welcome Team will show people to their seats</li> <li>d. Requesting that only people with masks sing due to the increased risk of spreading the virus if you sing without a mask (as noted in government research)</li> <li>e. Suggest that some people might want to take a lateral flow test before the service</li> <li>f. Confirming that there will be one entry point to enter church but both doorways will be used for exiting after the service</li> <li>g. Requesting that people arrive early to less the impact of people arriving in numbers</li> <li>h. Requesting that people try to socially distance if they have to queue to get in</li> <li>i. As there is no crèche available this Sunday to offer the church hall to parents with young children if they think that their child would be happier there this Sunday. The main hall will have a laptop and tv screen so that people can still watch and hear the service (it is not possible currently to provide these facilities in the marquee outside of the hall as Ben will not be around to provide that support for this Sunday)</li> </ol> </li> </ol>		
<b>AOB</b>	<p><b>BBQ.</b> It was acknowledged that Kay Mumford continues to manage this event. Clearly it is not possible to determine with any certainty yet what the weather will be on Sunday but at present predictions do not look good. The team agreed to leave it to the staff team to make the final decision but also agreed that the announcement to all church family members should be made by Thursday or Friday at the very latest so that people could make their plans reference food etc.</p> <p><b>Use of the Vicar's vestry for future crèches?</b> Ben said that this had been discussed with Katherine Walker who felt that it was a good idea and this will be explored further</p> <p><b>Further work on the old graveyards.</b> Ben said Saturday October the 2<sup>nd</sup> has been planned for further clearing of the greenery in the old graveyard. Other works will also take place on the area between the road and the old cemetery</p>		

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	<p><b>Provision of refreshments at services?</b> Ben said this has been recently discussed with the refreshment team but no date has yet been agreed for the reintroduction of this important ministry. ( Subsequent to the meeting Sian has advised that the refreshment team will use disposable cups when they re-start, which they hope will be end of September or early October – dependent upon sufficient volunteers being available).</p>		
	Martin closed the meeting with prayer		