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

**Apologies**: Liz Aver, Lucy Larkin

**Note Taker**: Martin Handford

| **Item** | **Summary of discussion/Action** | **By whom** | **By when** |
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| **Introduction** | Heather opened the meeting in prayerMartin told those present that Sian had that day advised the PCC that she had tendered her resignation from the post of Operations Manager. Accordingly he wanted to place on record his personal thanks and that of AHLT for all the vast amount of work that she has put into that role and for her support of AHLT. |  |  |
| **Bell Ringing** | Hugh said that Marc had received a request from Mark Hood on behalf of the bell ringing team asking if they might start ringing the bells before the service as had been happening prior to the start of the pandemic. Hugh advised that in his email Mark had said that “pre-Covid we had to stop 15 minutes before the service” and “Pre-Covid the band stopped their practice 45 minutes before the start of the service” (to facilitate the ability for the bells to be rung). The meeting reviewed the “history” of that and discussed why the ringing of bells had had to be stopped during the pandemic. This discussion was reminded by Ben and Martin that the issues and difficulties had largely been about1. The introduction of the need to practice for the Live Stream and the time necessary for that
2. The issue of difficulties of welcoming and having conversations with people as they arrive whilst the bells were being rung
3. The importance of the benefits that practice before the service brings to the service

Mark Hood has requested that they be allowed to ring the bells for 30 minutes before the service. The meeting discussed that previously the bells had only been rung for 15 minutes and that they had rung up until the start of the service. Rehearsal for the service tends to start as early as 9am because of the intricacies of delivering Live Stream and allowing the bells to be rung during that time before the service would be disruptive to the band and tech team. Also the doorway under the tower has been used and is still being used as the exit doorway throughout lockdown. Whilst this is not a major issue it would be another, lesser issue if the bell ringers were to be there. Mark Hood had suggested that the bells stop ringing 45 minutes before the service but it was agreed that that would still interfere with practice and that no one from the church family would actually hear them. Apparently the ringers have started practicing again on a Monday evening. However unless the timing was right it would interfere with the current Life Explored course which starts at 7pm. Hugh asked whether we could find a compromise by offering a chance for them to ring at some services. However the meeting agreed that that, in itself could have problems. It was agreed to reply to Mark Hood that at the moment, because of the Live Stream it would not be possible to accommodate their request. However further discussions need to be had as to if and how we can accommodate them and what the benefits to the church family are. | Hugh |  |
| **Newcomers Welcome course.**  | The planned 4 week course for Newcomers has been cancelled as the numbers involved were insufficient. It is now planned that it will be held in the Spring of 2022. However a one off lunch for newcomers will be held on the 28th November | Hugh |  |
| **Operation Christmas Child** | This annual event will finish on the 21st November when all donations of shoe boxes will need to be handed in at church.. People will be able to drop them off at the following timesTuesday 16th 9 – 11.00 amFriday 19th 3.30 – 5.30 pmSaturday 20th 2 – 4 pmSunday 21st 11.30 – 1.30 pmKea church is also accepting boxes from other churches and people outside of the Kea church family.  | Hugh |  |
| **COP26** | Heather raised the issue of the upcoming COP26 Climate Change conference and what the church were doing. During the service on the 7th November there will be a mention in various ways of the Climate Change summit. Martin also advised on some of the things that the Diocese are doing and what Jonathan Larkin and he were doing including the audit of our church, its activities and its environment including things like our energu uses, recycling etc. |  |  |
| **Men’s and women’s ministry** | Martin raised the question of men’s and women’s ministries at Kea. Sian and Kay have already held one event this autumn (on October 9th) and it is believed that they and Sheryl are considering others. Martin cited the need to provide support mechanisms for our church family and to grow them as a family. Hugh suggested that we pray about it, get feedback from the church family as to the desire for such events and to identify what the aims of the ministries might be eg. evangelism, fellowship etc. |  |  |

Date of next meeting: !5th November 2021