

**Parochial Church Council for the Parish of
St David with St Michael and All Angels Exeter**

Minutes for the PCC meeting for the parish of St David with St Michael and All Angels Exeter HELD BY ZOOM on **Tuesday 19 October 2021 7:30pm**. The meeting opened with prayer. Those Present: **Nigel Guthrie (Chair)**, Helena Walker (minutes), Louise Tulloh (guest), Glynis Harflett, Belinda Speed-Andrews, Maggie Draper, Howard Friend, Ash Leighton Plom, Charlotte Townsend, Clive Wilson, Stephanie Aplin, Sue Wilson (from 20:32)

1.	Apologies for absence: Sarah Black, Paula Lewis, Richard Johnson, Dave Allin, Barbara Allin. Sue Wilson joined the meeting at 20:32.	
2.	Declarations of interest: none	
3.	Minutes of the PCC meeting on 15 July 2021: agreed - except that the Communications Policy was in fact referred back (CW and ALP). It will be reviewed and it will need to be consolidated to include paragraphs on website roles and responsibilities.	
4.	Matters arising from the minutes: none	
5.	Confidentiality: To agree any items that should not be contained in the public record - none noted	
6.	Correspondence received: none	
7.	<p>Update of parish matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrangements after lifting of restrictions - to remain Covid-safe in church we will retain sanitiser, distance and face-coverings. Singing, serving and coffee will resume at St David's from November and a brunch will be served after church at the end of October. At communion we might consider intinction (we will look at this again in January). • 8am Holy Communion at St David's - the 8am Sunday HC service at St David's is suspended for the foreseeable future with a decision yet to be made about Friday HC. • Green Team Event at St David's - the Green event went well - thank you to all who were involved. Some attendees went home to buy electric bikes. • Heritage Weekend at St Michael's - the Devon Churches Heritage weekend 2021 was well-attended with St Michael's open on the Sunday afternoon. Thank you to Paula Lewis, Elizabeth Hughes and all others involved. • St David's Committee - the St David's committee hasn't met recently but it needs to because matters proper to that committee are spilling into the PCC. NG will arrange this. • St Michael's Committee - the St Michael's committee has met. There is a crisis in the committee in that the secretary and the treasurer have stood down. A congregational meeting is planned for November to put the situation 'out there' and to look for support. We have the meeting planned for the parish with the archdeacon in November. 	Nigel Guthrie

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Churchwardens, also Dave Allin and Standing Committee - no-one has stepped forward to be churchwarden. Dave Allin has been brought onto the standing committee - can we all agree this formally now? YES - all agreed. We have space for another from St Michael's on the standing committee but no-one has stepped forward for this. Other matters: The repairs on the curate's house are yet to be finished (following the WW2 controlled bomb explosion) but in the interim another house in Heavitree has been provided by the diocese. There have been fires lit on the steps at St Michael's - SA will report this to the police. School parking at St Michael's is in hand. 	
8.	College is open for lunch. Shall we restart lunch-club? YES. CW said that SW is happy to co-ordinate this.	Nigel Guthrie
9.	The next 5 years - who are we and where are we going? Interim report: BSA will continue these conversations based around the Sam Wells book on 5 January 2022. She will hold silent vigils in St David's during Advent. We offer hospitality, music, culture and preaching but "how do we become a place of encounter for the community?" She would like to open a community café - SA said that Caroline Nicholson might be able to help with this. It is hoped that we can feed this vision into the 'Diocese of Exeter Next Steps' via the archdeacon's meeting with the congregation in November. NG has sent a draft vision statement to the archdeacon.	Belinda Speed-Andrews
10.	Living in Love and Faith - Inclusive statement: we all agree the need for an inclusive statement. That suggested by NG was accepted with disabilities changed to abilities and the addition of ages (see attached).	Nigel Guthrie
11.	Treasurer's report: none was given	Jonathan Johns
12.	<p>Fabric reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St David's - attached. The £630 expenditure on wi-fi for the next two years was AGREED. It was also AGREED to buy four light-weight tables but to ask the congregation for donations for these (which cost £100 each). The new microphone on the stand works well. BSA observed that we need to take a look at the lapel microphones which are unreliable (SW joined the meeting at this point). St Michael's - St Michael's - a faculty is needed for work on the ladders and louvres at St Michael's and £200 is needed to commission Jeremy Chadburn to submit this. It was agreed that a faculty should be applied for and the expenditure was approved. There has been a cleaning party and another is planned for December. It was agreed to appoint Lance Foy as the new organ tuner. 	Dave Allin Stephanie Aplin

13.	<p>Regular items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding - to include consideration of adoption of the policy on recruitment of ex-offenders (attached) - AGREED • Health and safety - no matters to consider at present 	Church/chapel wardens
14.	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>ALP is seeking to reinstate prayer after church in the lady chapel and will recruit from the pastoral group/PCC/other. Communications policy - this is under review.</p> <p>Projectors and screens - DA is looking into quotes.</p> <p>Notice-board at the west door - can we look into this? AGREED that DA and ALP will do some research about what is acceptable and practical.</p> <p>ALP is going door-to-door in the parish with prayer-cards and THRIVE information. He would welcome help with this. It was AGREED that we would make a parish Christmas card and distribute this as widely as possible in the parish.</p> <p>THRIVE and ALPHA are going well. ALP is aiming to bring THRIVE into church, bring us NEW CHRISTIANS! A Valentine supper is planned.</p> <p>Maggie Draper has made some children's activity bags and is happy to keep these refurbished.</p>	
15.	Date of next meeting: 20 January 7:30pm by ZOOM	

The meeting closed with prayer