



East Preston with Kingston: St Mary the Virgin

**Mini Meeting of the PCC
21 July 2020
by eMail and Post
to vote on 2 resolutions**

Minutes

- 1 No agenda as the "meeting" was purely to consider two resolutions:
To use part of a legacy to assist with current church finances.
To accept the Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 Dec. 2019.**
- 2 The following PCC Members all received information sent out with regard to voting.**
 - a. Fr. Andrew Perry (Chair), Sue Baldock, Nova Brookes, Lynne Brunton, Jacky Collett, Stella Collier, Colin Crane, Mary Darby, Revd Emma Ham-Riche, Charis Harbidge, Claire Hind, Mary Jeavons, Kathy Lockyear, Gill Mauderne, Joe Padfield, Gill Quigley, Lois Townsend and Chris Wood.
 - b. Votes were received from every PCC Member

3 Minutes of Last Meetings

Comments on Minutes of the PCC Meeting on 21 January 2020

Comments concerning these minutes will be considered at the next PCC Meeting on 29 September 2020. Further details about this meeting will be given nearer the time and in the light of Covid19 information.

4 Matters arising not covered on agenda

There were no matters arising.

5 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report re First Quarter Accounts was sent to all PCC Members together with the Trustees Annual Report for the year ending 31 December 2019 and Father Andrew's covering letter dated 4 July 2020.

Fr. Andrew has asked that The Treasurer's Accounts for June 2020 are considered in the next PCC Meeting on 29 September 2020.

5.1 Voting concerning two resolutions

Members of the PCC voted by phone and by eMail about the following resolutions:

"In the light of extraordinary circumstances brought about by the pandemic COVID-19 lockdown, the PCC agrees to release £30,000 from the legacy of Mr Gerald Parker to continue meeting our everyday financial responsibilities."

Members voted **unanimously "In Favour"** of this resolution with the following provisos:

A wish for part of the legacy to still go towards providing church signage. (Notices in the local area indicating the position of the church.)

A desire that the use of the legacy is for a short period only.

A wish that if we eventually fund raise sufficiently, some of the monies should be returned to the Gerald Parker Legacy for the acquiring of a suitable memorial.

"We, the PCC of St Mary the Virgin, East Preston with Kingston, adopt the 2019 Trustees Annual Report as being a true record of the activities of this parish during the year in question."

Members voted **unanimously "In Favour"** of this resolution. Fr Andrew and Wendy Allen thank everyone for considering the resolutions and voting on time.

6-9 Safeguarding Update, Deanery Synod report back, Reports from some Groups and Reports from Sub-committees not applicable due to changes during Covid 19.

7 Reports from Groups

7.1 Friends of St Mary's

In his 4 July letter, Father Andrew reported that John Harbidge had taken over as interim treasurer (awaiting confirmation at the FoSM Annual Meeting) although there were some difficulties with Barclays who are listed as signatories on the account.

10 Any Other Business

10.1 APCM

In his letter of 4 July, Father Andrew explained that the deadline for the Annual Parish Council Meeting had, due to Covid19, now been extended to October 2020. Those who were due to step down at the postponed meeting, would need to continue in their current positions.

10.2 QI date

Father Andrew reported that the next Quinquennial Inspection on St. Mary's was due in March 2011: the FoSM suggested bringing that forward so that the new architect, Andy Burrell, would be able to do his first inspection and provide more detailed estimates about the repairs. Andy had been furloughed and is only just back to work. In light of his workload, it is easier for him if the date is not changed but he has asked Father Andrew to forward the last QI and the original quotations so that he can, at least, revise estimates.

10.3 Re-opening procedures for church services and times for private prayer

Fr. Andrew wrote that with arrangements in place for 6 masses a week, everyone ought to be able to receive sacrament once a week. It was hoped that people would spread out their attendance between daytime and night-time services. The church is able to take 15 placings (ie: individuals or household groups) and arrangements are on a first come first-served basis. Toilets will be available but there will be no refreshments.

10.3 (continued)

For Test and Trace reasons, names and contact numbers will be taken by a "door keeper" and retained for 21 days.

Pews have been roped off to ensure social distancing. Face coverings are not required but may be worn if people wish. Hand sanitiser will be available at the north door to be used on entry and exit. People are asked to socially distance when queuing for communion which is taken in the form of "one kind" (only the bread) and words are not spoken. Worship will not involve any singing and the Peace will not be physically shared. A collection plate will be available on the font for any offerings.

On Sundays, there will be no Sunday Club and children will be the responsibility of the adults who bring them. There will be no "happy bags" or activities provided.

Service times are:

Mondays	7pm
Tuesdays	10am
Wednesdays	7pm
Thursdays	10am
Fridays	10am
Sundays	10am

In addition the church is open in the mornings from 9am-12 noon for private prayer. In advance, everyone is thanked for their care with regard to these necessary regulations.

Thanks also go to Father Andrew, Revd. Emma, Father Richard and Reader, John for the ways in which they have kept us all buoyant and connected to communal spiritual life.

Date of next PCC meeting: Tuesday 29 September 2020. Further details nearer the time and in the light of COVID19 restrictions.

AoB must be notified to the Chair 24 hours before the PCC Meeting.

Please email all reports to WendyWAllen46@icloud.com by Tues. 22 September 2020.