

Dedham and Ardleigh Parishes

Minutes of Joint PCCs Meeting Saturday 5th September at 0930hrs in Vicarage Garden

In attendance:

Chair: Antony Wilson (ACW)

Dedham Members: John Reed (JR) Vee Druitt (VD) Peter Wilson (PW) Gabbie Watson (GW)
Lynne Al-Sad (LA-S) Merv McKinney (MM)

Ardleigh Members: Amanda Watts (AW) - via Zoom Martin West (MW) Barbara Hill (BH)
Christina Volkmann(CV) Christine Mingay (CM) Sue Browne (SB)

Apologies: Richard Culley Francis Perera

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1	Prayers and Bible Reflection Meeting began with Morning Prayer, including Bible reading John 14 1-14. ACW encouraged meeting to focus upon Jesus' words from V6 throughout our morning together	All
2	FIVE MARKS OF MISSION Looking Back over the last 12 months ACW distributed a completed Matrix originating from The Bishop of Ripon which all had contributed to previously. The meeting then split into groups to discuss the last year in relation to the 5 Marks of Mission: TELL: Alpha Courses x 2 - the second being delivered via Zoom in entirety Helpline - by team explaining who we are, and what we do Online Services, Prayers We're Listening cards delivered to parishioners Prayer Walking Parables series [on-line] for Children Families and Church. LA-S thanked AW on behalf of all present for her efforts on these films TEACH: Prompt reopening of our churches post lockdown Home groups now reinstated New home groups with new leaders Men's Breakfast - now fortnightly Recent study of Ruth Recent study of Prayer Course Spring Harvest New Wine United Alpha Courses SHAPE Course New people taking on delivery of online Morning -; and Evening Prayers Sunday @ 3	All

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2 contd	<p>TEND:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helpline across both parishes Colchester area Foodbank collection points in both Churches Provision of foods for NHS staff at Colchester Hospital during Lockdown Support for those bereaved in both parishes Welcomers at Dedham Church each Saturday Friendship Group - Ardleigh Monthly Lunches and tea - Dedham Phone calls to church members to maintain contact Letters to Funeral Directors Both churches open for private prayer throughout week Recent 3 peaks Challenge at home - team reached Mount Everest! <p>TRANSFORM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colchester area Foodbank 3 peaks Challenge raising money for Christian Aid Both churches are now Fair-trade Toilet Twinning Cohesion of Benefice TearFund/Christian Aid Christian Solidarity Worldwide Litany for peace Black Lives Matter Beacon House - Homeless Intercessions <p>TREASURE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FairTrade Accreditation at both churches Eco Church Bronze Award across Benefice Caring for our church buildings Biodiversity in both churchyards Litter picking sessions in Ardleigh 	All contd
3	<p>OXFORD MATRIX was then completed by meeting</p> <p>What's been paused and we're happy to let go?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complacency/ Church perceived as short session on a Sunday <p>What's been paused and we're happy to renew?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharing the Peace More than one service per Sunday per church Holy Communion with both elements when allowed <p>What's been discovered and we need to respond to?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prayer cards appropriate for thee bereaved near candles in daily quiet prayer space Signposting to bereavement services in quiet prayer space Explore ideas further how we can reach out to those currently isolated by continued shielding and/or loneliness <p>What's positive and now emerging to be developed and resourced?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online resources and services 	All
4	<p>MATRIX Strategic Questions Based on The Five Marks of Mission</p> <p>This was completed in small groups and the information pooled onto the one attached - see Appendix 1</p>	

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5	<p>Worship on a Sunday ACW distributed the proposed plan for services during Nov - Jan inclusive. It was agreed unanimously and it was also agreed that the monthly pattern will be review by both PCCs in Early Jan 2021 SB queried the cleaning of Dedham Church between the two services - ACW confirmed that Compline will take place in the Chancel; and the Revive at 5 team will arrive early to clean the church beforehand ACW to alert all to the new service pattern via Church Chimes</p>	ACW
6	<p>Christmas Service Discussion took place about the need for a service in lieu of the Carol services and the general consensus is to explore the possibility of services outdoors in both parishes. ACW will explore possibilities with a performing group</p>	ACW
7	<p>Resourcing our Mission ACW informed meeting that the Weds lunchtime Zoom Prayers had been paused and will now take place at Ardleigh Church monthly - on the second Saturday from 9-10am</p>	All
8	<p>Finance</p> <p>I) ACW reported that, pleasingly, giving has been upheld during these unprecedented times- and increased in some instances. He will be writing to those on the Ardleigh Electoral Roll to highlight the financial need.</p> <p>II) ACW stated that both churches are now struggling to pay Parish Share: Ardleigh has a deficit of £3.2k - mainly due to RCs not having services in the church Dedham has a deficit of £2k - mostly due to lack of fundraising opportunities such as The Big Breakfast PROPOSAL- If we as PCCs need to alter the Parish Share Giving the decision can be made by the Vicar and ChurchWardens PROPOSER - Martin West SECONDER - Lynne Al-Sad Unanimously agreed ACW to inform church members via Church Chimes, and at APCMs</p> <p>III) MEETING PROPOSAL FOR Agenda Item at next meeting - Fundraising and ways to increase Income</p> <p>IV) ACW informed meeting that MMP and wider Diocesan Finance is an issue. No vacancies are being filled within Diocese currently and within the Harwich Deanery we are working towards a model of 4 Clergy and 2 . It was agreed by all we are in urgent need of both Episcopal Vision and Direction</p>	<p>ACW, PW, VD, and SB</p> <p>ACW</p> <p>ACW</p>
9	<p>Authorised Local Preacher ACW informed meeting that Susan Carne would be willing to stand as an ALP PROPOSER - Gabbie Watson SECONDER - Christina Volkmann Unanimously agreed</p>	
10	<p>APCMs ACW invited all to attend both APCMs</p>	All

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11	<p>Future PCC Meetings</p> <p>l) ACW proposed in future PCC meetings are held jointly with the first half looking together at the 5 Marks of Mission; and the second half the individual PCCs moving to meet separately about specific Agenda items - chaired by Churchwardens and ACW moving between each. Unanimously agreed without need for proposer and seconder</p>	All
12	<p>Dates of Next meetings</p> <p>Joint PCCs Meeting - Monday 26th October Joint PCCs Meeting with Focus upon Finance - approving next year's budget - Tuesday 24th November</p>	ACW + All
13	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>MM raised the need for acknowledgement of how parishes will be feeling where there's no prospect of a new Minister being appointed - eg Lawford with Gt Bromley/Little Bromley. This was recognised and supported by the meeting</p>	All
14	<p>Meeting Closed</p> <p>at 1205 hours approx. ACW thanked all for attending and making it such a positive morning</p>	