

DEDHAM and Ardleigh Parishes Joint PAROCHIAL CHURCH Council Meeting

MINUTES of the meeting held on Monday 11th January 2021 via Zoom

Present: Rev. Antony Wilson

Dedham: Paul Brebner (PB), Lynne Al-Sad (LA-S), Vee Druitt (VSD), Richard Hopkins(RH), Linda Redlich (LR), John Reed (JR), Liz Reed (LRe), Gabbie Watson (GW) Peter Wilson (PW); Sharon Sarson(SS)

Ardleigh: Christine Mingay(CM); Sue Browne (SB); Christina Volkmann(CV), Martin West (MW); Richard Culley (RC); Amanda Watts(AW); Francis Perera (FP)

1. Before commencing the meeting AW apologised that Phil Ritchie was unable to attend to give his talk because of illness
2. AW began the meeting with a reading and a Prayer.
3. Standing Committee had met once in 2021 to discuss the Agenda items
4. Tell: The Christmas period had been very busy, enjoyable and rewarding: the main events were: Christmas Services in both Churches—150 for Carols and 160 people on Christmas day. Carol services in both churches—in spite of the inclement weather!
Choir did sterling work
Drive in Carols
Decorations and flowers in both churches
Hopkins Family harvest of talents Carols for Ardleigh family
Lynne organised Carols for Christian Aid and also sang Carols for wedding family
5. Teach:
Alpha starting 14 January
Schools ministry—recording assemblies for U Tube-viewed at school and at home
Sunday at 3
Live streaming has changed provider; seems better but if not viewed live takes 24 hours to become available
6. Tending:
Pastoral care meeting 14 January
Help line is back everyday except weekend
Offer help to Surgery for vaccinations—people and church buildings
7. Eco church: CV has been speaking to Will Sambrook on how to expand interest; need more volunteers to broaden the team. What can we do to become more eco- friendly? Solar panels suggested as one idea. **Members to consider ideas for next meeting.**
8. Prayer—important as part of our ministry and mission. Zoom Prayer meetings now held every Wednesday 12-12.30
9. Deanery: LR spoke to the paper that had been circulated and thanked CM for her help and support. There are big decisions to be made and all are asked to pray for the people involved and that they are guided to make the right decisions.
10. AOB: Antony mentioned the Living in Love and Faith seminar to be held on 28th January which will explore Identity, sexuality and marriage. PCC members are invited to attend.
11. Next meetings:
15th January to sign off on accounts: 7 pm Dedham and 8pm Ardleigh by Zoom
8th March Joint Meeting 7.30pm
18th April—APCM Ardleigh
25th April—APCM Dedham