



Minutes of ROTHLEY PARISH CHURCH Parochial Church Council Informal Meeting -

**Thursday 22nd April 2021
7:00pm By Zoom**

Present: Rob Gladstone, Susan Pinkus, David Wilson, Sue Wilson, Chris Garnett, Margaret Leverment, David Hodgson, Wendy Ferguson, Alison Godfrey, Wendy Lewis, Alison Parkinson, Ray Prince, Linda Poole

Opening Prayer Readings and thoughts

Rob took the theme suggesting that each local Church should be a 'pathway to faith' helping current members to deepen their faith, encouraging more people to follow Jesus and providing loving service to the world.

He ended by reading a passage from Luke, Chapter 24 vs. 44-49.

1. APOLOGIES

Jonty Pilbeam, Jenny Pilbeam, Liz Barker

2. INTRODUCTIONS

a. The time ahead - recovery and reconstruction - letter, pattern of activity

This past year has offered the opportunity to step back from constant routine and to reassess Church activity. Rob suggested we continue to use this time between April and September to try various 'things'/ 'patterns' as we reopen the Church with the aim that by September 2021 we have a clear pattern of Church activity for the future.

As mentioned at the APCM and in the Fellowship Post, initially we intend to resume with a 9.30 a.m. said service and a 4 p.m. family event on May 23rd.

Rob intends to ensure a letter is delivered to every member on our contact list to seek their thoughts and opinions on what they feel they have lost, missed or gained during this lockdown period. It is hoped the responses will be received by May 16th so that they can feed into our thinking of what Church life will be like in the future.

Alison Parkinson suggested resources are available on the Church of England Fresh Expressions webpages. Crystal McAllister, Pioneer Minister in Upper Wreake Parish, near Melton Mowbray, also has a role to be a resource for our deanery. Wendy Ferguson suggested that we need to seek ways to engage and hold onto children as they progress through their teenage years.

The impact of the COVID pandemic at Diocesan level has been massive and there is a major financial shortfall to be addressed. The Bishop is spearheading an initiative, 'Shaped by God Together', and there is a Zoom Deanery meeting on April 29th which Rob strongly urged every member of the PCC to attend if possible.

b. New members

Our three new members (Chris Garnett, David Hodgson and Margaret Leverment) were welcomed and asked to introduce themselves.

c. Co-opt Jenny Pilbeam

All agreed to co-opt Jenny Pilbeam onto the PCC to be a voice for the younger members of our congregation.

3. APPOINTMENT OF PCC OFFICERS FOR 2021-2022

The following were appointed:

- a. Secretary:** Susan Pinkus
- b. Treasurer:** Susan Wilson
- c. Assistant Wardens:** Fred Sleath, Jean Johnson, Ken Arkley, Marion Whitby, Margaret Rouse, Alison Parkinson
- d. Electoral Roll Officer:** Marion Whitby

4. PCC WORKING GROUPS

Our priorities (since 2018) are:

Discipleship

Companionship

Population growth and the outreach opportunities provided by the school

Reordering of the church building

Communication

Finance

Operations, including Health & Safety and Safeguarding

Send (supporting wider mission)

PCC members leading existing groups / areas of interest were asked to say a little about what is involved.

4. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Business Committee - Thursday 22nd April 2021 immediately followings this meeting

PCC Meeting - Monday 10th May 2021 7:00pm