

Parish of Farleigh Special PCC "Zoom" Meeting

Thursday 27th August ,7.30pm.

Minutes of Meeting

1. Meeting opened with prayers

2. Present on Zoom:

Stephen Mourant, David Chattell, Debbie Scholey, Bernard Cazenove, Julian Nunn, Gill Palmer,

Apologies from:

Beverley Guinness, Lyn Hardy, Quentin Portsmouth, Annabel Portsmouth, Eamonn Harding, Matthew Jones

3. To discuss the recommencing of Church Services within or outside the church buildings.

Stephen opened the discussion, making the point that our congregations have expressed a variety of opinions on how we should proceed about having services again inside our churches.

He suggested that we begin with outdoor services (as we have been doing in July & August) whilst the weather is clement. Apart from the 8am & 6pm Holy Communion Services which could be held inside due to small congregations & the absence of singing.

As the season changes the outdoor services may not be a comfortable option, however.

At that time services could be held inside with attention paid to all the latest Government and C.of E. guidelines of:

Social Distancing

Hand Sanitisation

Mask wearing indoors (apart from the service leader and readers)

Singing done only by service leader and a choir in the choir stalls.

4. General Discussion amongst those present

It was expressed by some that a return to normal worship was most desirous.

However, all agreed that it is vital that we abide by and follow the present guidelines from the Government and the Church of England to reduce the spread of Covid 19 and to protect the vulnerable in our society.

It was agreed that Stephen and David had done a wonderful job producing the on-line services. With the return of weekly services in church they have decided not to continue this. Debbie and Gill felt that some house-bound or more vulnerable people may appreciate some kind of online worship; David has said that he could possibly fill this gap. **[David's son who did most of the editing goes back to university shortly and Stephen's daughter Chloe won't be available for next 3 months as she has a three month contract in Manchester and will be away from her specialised computer equipment]*

ACTION DAVID

Communion

Stephen feels that it is possible and safe for people to receive communion now whilst abiding with the hygiene guidance - using individual small cups - hand sanitising - and following the social distancing advise.

All agreed with this.

However, it is a decision for the individual whether to partake or not.

5. Conclusion and Actions

It was acknowledged that anyone attending services is free to make their own decision and some may not choose to partake or attend. We will not know what the uptake of services will be until we recommence them. This can be reviewed at a later time.

It was agreed unanimously that we follow the official guidelines for preventing the spread of Covid 19.

Stephen will circulate this information to the Electoral Roll in his next letter.

ACTION STEPHEN

6. The meeting was closed with prayer.