

The Parish of Farleigh Parochial Church Council Meeting

Ad hoc meeting November 28th 2020 by Zoom

MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Meeting opened with a prayer
2. Present:

Apologies:

Revd Stephen Maurant
Debbie Scholey
Lyn Hardy
Bernard Cazenove

Beverley Guinness
Annabel Portsmouth
Eamonn Harding
Julian Nunn
Viscount Lymington

Charles Palmer-Tomkinson
Lynda Plenty

The purpose of this meeting was to agree the schedule and plans for the Parish Christmas services following the recent announcement clarifying the Tier 2 restrictions and regulations that will be in place from December 2nd.

Services for December 6th and 13th will be indoors with the normal timetable. Stephen presented his draft plan, which had been discussed with relevant church wardens, for agreement at the meeting for the main Christmas services. The principle is that all Carol services will be outdoors, weather permitting, allowing singing. In most cases an alternative indoor plan is also provided and a decision to move indoors will be taken a few days in advance subject to weather forecasts. Indoor services will need to be pre-booked, via church wardens.

The outdoor services will be a maximum of 45 minutes with 5 readings and 7 carols. There will be music (details to be confirmed) and recyclable single use order of service sheets. Individuals will be encouraged to bring chairs or they may be provided by the church for those who need to sit, otherwise expect to stand.

These details will be communicated via the Benefice web site, Stephen's regular weekly letters, village facebook pages and email lists. The communication of alternative wet weather plans will be communicated via the local village networks a few days in advance.

Saturday Dec 19th

Cliddesden 2.30 Saturday afternoon Cliddesden Outdoor carol service as agreed with the DCC. No limit on numbers.

Sunday Dec 20th

Dummer 9.45 Dummer Carol service outdoors, no limit on numbers, no pre-booking required.

Alternative if wet, inside church pre-booked for 35, with an additional service at 4pm to accommodate numbers.
(Lyn Hardy is the booking contact for indoor services)

Cliddesden

11.15 Cliddesden Family Carol Service Indoors— carols/readings: children's activity outside

Ellisfield

2.30 Ellisfield Carol Service outside

Alternative if wet: indoor services at 2.30 and 6.00, a limit of 30 each service, pre-booked with Bernard Cazenove

Thursday Dec 24th

Farleigh venue and timeTBC

2.30/ 4.00 a shortened version of 9 L&C Farleigh Carols outdoors venue TBC (Action Oliver Lymington) SEE BELOW

Dummer

8.00 pm or 8.30 or 9.00 pm or 10.00 p.m Time to be confirmed Dummer Christmas HC – limited to 35 **Action:Lyn**

Cliddesden

11.30 p.m. Cliddesden Midnight HC limited to 35

Eamonn is the contact for Pre-booking for the Xmas Eve service

Friday Dec 25th

Ellisfield

8.00 HC Ellisfield indoors for 30, pre-booking required with Bernard

9.30 HC Ellisfield indoors for 30, pre-booking required with Bernard

Dummer

10.45 HC Dummer inside for 35 pre-booking required.– Alternate plan if dry and not too cold, whole service could be outside to accommodate more numbers -

Sunday Dec 27th

Ellisfield Benefice Service

11.00 Benefice carols at Ellisfield -indoors with recorded singing, pre-booking required with Bernard

An online Carol service is being planned for those unable to attend a service in person, and there are also plans for an online a virtual nativity.

January services revert to the normal pattern indoors unless specified in advance. (details not discussed at this meeting).

[Subsequent Action from above, from Oliver Lymington: My father has had the what we believe to be the excellent idea of using the front of Farleigh House. While we have clients staying there, they have kindly agreed to allow us to use the space on the basis that we are doing a charity carol concert for a cause of their choosing. I think that his vision will be dramatic and the backdrop almost advent calendar like. While the organisation will have to in large part fall to him with the support of the Family and Estate, we are keen for you to be involved, certainly in opening and closing proceedings for example.

I couldn't also help but reflect that it would be a more fitting end to your time presiding over the Carol Service than the farm yard, particularly after a tricky year.

What I took away from the Zoom was that things should start at 4pm and we will have to be governed by weather. All fine by us.

We are trying to secure a brass band, but may have to rely on Sylvia Raine for accompaniment if we cannot.]