

St John's Carrington, Church and Community Centre

PCC Secretary's Report to the APCM 2021 for the period November 2020—April 2021

Due to COVID19, the national lockdown and tier restrictions all the PCC meetings for the period November 2020—April 2021 were held online.

On 28th February 2021 the Vicar, James Pacey, left the Parish to take up a position as Hospital Chaplain and the Parish moved into an Interregnum period. The residing Vice-Chair, Peter Artis, became the Lay-Chair at the first PCC meeting of the Interregnum on 25th March 2021.

During this period the following PCC meetings were held:

4th November 2020

16th December 2020

21st December 2020 (Extra PCC meeting to discuss Christmas in-person services)

30th December 2020 ((Extra PCC meeting to discuss halting in-person services)

20th January 2021

24th February 2021 (the Rural Dean and Archdeacon in attendance to discuss the interregnum)

25th March 2021

Decisions made and agreed at PCC meetings were confirmed in writing, as Diocesan regulations require, by PCC members.

Two extraordinary meetings were called in December to respond to the changing Tier restrictions and to ensure that we were acting within the Government guidelines for services in December (after the National lockdown in November). The Safety Advisory Group met regularly and reported to the PCC any changes that would be needed in ensuring the safety of those attending services.

Two Christmas services were held in-person, Midnight Mass and the Christmas morning Eucharist and two services were held online, Nine Lessons and Carols and the Nativity Service. A lot of work went into making these services as special as possible and we are blessed with having musicians amongst the congregation who gave their time to enhance both the in-church and online services.

At the extra PCC meeting on 30th December, due to a continuing lockdown, it was decided to move back to online only services.

The Community Centre and Café has been closed during the period, however the Addiction group continued to meet weekly as the PCC agreed that this is deemed an essential group. The Food bank also continued throughout the closure of the church and community rooms and was welcomed by members of the community. The Foodbank is run by the Lay Minister, Susi Artis and a group of volunteers, to whom the PCC are very grateful for the work they have done.

Before leaving, Rev James Pacey worked with the Ministry Team and the PCC to ensure that there was training and support for continuing to deliver online services. New digital equipment was approved by the PCC and installed in February and services are delivered via the utube platform. The Ministry team has worked to ensure that retired clergy are engaged to continue to deliver the Sunday Eucharist Service. The Wednesday Eucharist has been suspended during the Interregnum. Monday, Wednesday and Friday Evening Prayer is continuing online.

Zoom coffee is continuing after the service on Sunday morning and the Zoom coffee on Wednesday morning is continuing. The Zoom links are consistent and given out in the Pew Sheet each week.

Several online Quizzes were held during the period and we hope to be able to continue this practice and look forward to being able to meet socially once the guidelines permit.

The Bible Study group has continued to meet on Wednesdays throughout this Period online, run by Denis Tully, Muriel Smith and John Coggins.

The PCC is working on a progressive timeline of activity to ensure that St. John's moves through this Interregnum period as smoothly as possible and engages the right new spiritual leader to St. John's as soon as is possible. The PCC is actively engaging with the Diocese to this end.

Karen Randell 16th April 2021
PCC Secretary from November 2021