

**Minutes of the Zoom meeting of St Paul's PCC
held 30th September 2020 at 6pm.**

1. The meeting began with an opening prayer.
2. **Apologies** – Ann Isbell
3. **Present** – Fr Gregory, Gary Clothier (churchwarden), Anne Mullis (churchwarden), Katherine Harrison, June Hornby, Mary Blakeman, Shelagh Hansford, Michaela Clothier, Robert Pask, Pat Perry, Gill Cox (PCC secretary), Fr. Bruce.
4. **Minutes** of the last two meetings were approved with no matters arising.
5. Fr Gregory led us in a prayer for Andy Hutchings who had recently died.
6. Fr Gregory thanked Mary and Michaela for their work and prayers over the last three years and expressed gratitude on behalf of the PCC and parish.

7. Building works.

The architect's report on the roof had been circulated prior to the meeting and was discussed. Fr Bruce asked about the price, but this could only be ascertained by opening up the damaged areas to see how much repair was needed. The architect had overestimated the damage so with luck, things might not be as bad as the report. He will be sending out details for tenders. Companies will have 90 days in which to come back with an estimate, then we have 4 weeks in which to decide which firm to go with. Work will not begin until the spring, which gives us time for a fundraising campaign, but hopefully there will be enough in the fabric account. We are probably looking at between £30-40K.

Scaffolding will be needed.

Faculty can be applied for online but will take a while to come through.

On 14th October we will be having a visit from an organ builder to check the condition. It needs attention having suffered damage from dry heat when the new heating system was put in. It will also get dusty when the roof works are being done. It was completely dismantled and rebuilt about 20 years ago. A rough estimate will be £18K.

However the roof repairs will take priority.

A vote was taken to approve the necessary work. All PCC members in favour. Fr. Bruce abstained.

8. **Fr. Gordon Vincent's bequest.** Fr Gregory suggested that we cannot say "thank you" in person so as his money will be going towards the repairs, it would be a nice gesture to put up a plaque in thanks.
Approved conditionally. Fr Bruce abstained.

9. **Bells.** The original plan had been to remove the bells and the structure holding them and to repair and rehang them. Now they can be mended and automated after repair. This will need a faculty. One estimate had been received for £10179.60 including VAT. We can hopefully apply to organisations for grants.

Approved in principle. Fr Bruce abstained.

10. **CCTV.** Fr Gregory said he would like to leave the church open every day so wishes to have CCTV installed in the church. We have received one quote of roughly £1000 for two cameras plus alarms in the Lady Chapel and Sanctuary.

Robert Pask pointed out that we must have good quality cameras. Mary Blakeman and Pat Perry were concerned about leaving the church unlocked as it would be an invitation to theft. After much discussion it was agreed that we should get another quote. Our insurance will need to be updated.

Approved in principle.

11. **Burial of ashes**

We already have several sets of ashes buried around the outside of the Lady Chapel but we should have a faculty. Fr Gregory would like to have a dedicated area and suggested the piece of garden at the back of the Baptistry as a remembrance garden. There could also be a book of remembrance in church.

The majority of people were in favour of a garden and book. One against and one undecided.

We can plan for 50 places and it would be protected by law for 100 years. Ashes would be in a casket (preferably biodegradable) or straight into the ground. Details can be discussed at a future PCC meeting.

12. **APCM.** This will be held on Sunday 25th October. We now have more than enough candidates for the new PCC so there will have to be an election.

13. **SPOT** . Legally this does not come under PCC business but following the recent flood, Ann has asked for more help and support from the PCC. The shop will reopen soon.

14. **WORSHIP.** Fr Gregory is keen to get back to more solemn liturgy on Sundays with singing. After much discussion the majority of people felt that it was too early to start singing and only two members of the choir were happy to come back. The decision was made to carry on as we are for the time being.

15. **AOB.** There being no other business the meeting closed with the Grace at 7.15pm.