

## Special Woodfalls Church Council 13/8/2020 10.30 am to only talk about re opening the church.

Apologies Marilyn Broad, Sue Shergold and Ron and Eileen Sharples.

Those Present Rev Paul Rees, Jackie Weddell, Quita Titterton, Ruth and Nigel Tonkin, Muriel Dibden, Pat Cobern, Graham and Anita Tanner.

Paul opened with a reading and reflection.

Paul had printed everyone a copy of the following Methodist Documents:-

Guide for Face Coverings Version 4

Guide to your worship space Version 3

Guide for Holy Communion Version 2

Guide for Other Community Users in your church building Version 4

Guide for Children's, Young People & Intergenerational worship & Activities Version 2.

Anita had printed and completed the Covid- 19 Risk Assessment. Nigel suggested one addition to "The Toilets" "Please wipe the surfaces after you have used them". Graham thought it would be better that you asked people to wipe before use but Nigel pointed out that you may need time for them to work and the packet says leave to dry for 5 minutes after wiping.

Paul said Ian Hardy could put us in touch with someone who could do a Covid risk assessment but everyone agreed we didn't need to pay someone to do what Anita and Graham had already done a very satisfactory one.

Quita told everyone about the mask tree held outside the front of the church.

Graham and Nigel said unless you don't go outside your door no system can be 100% safe but we think we have made the building as safe as we can.

We talked about doing things ecumenically – 3 buildings one church – Paul is going to come to the meeting outside at St Mary's on 14<sup>th</sup> September to plan October onwards. Our first service will be an Ecumenical Service on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00am.

Paul said about doing a leaflet telling people about what to expect when worship resumes indoors, and Anita showed him what she has started, but there will be some additions.

Some people find 10.00am too early but because of the Anglican Together at 10.00am we didn't think we could change this at the moment but will have any mid week service at 10.45am so lunch can follow. But for the time being we will just have Ecumenical Sunday services and discuss in September the way ahead after that.

Anita to tell Veronica Paul is around on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Everyone then had a tour of the building – Entering up the front ramp as if they were a member of the congregation coming into church. Everyone thought everything had been thought through and worked well. Quita said people have to remember they can't stand and chat close together when they leave as people need to social distance. It is on the stewards list to ask the preacher to mention this at the end of the service. Anita mentioned that we will need a door steward and a seating steward. Paul said we should share it with the rest of the circuit to help other churches. Jackie mentioned that every building is different, so what has worked at Woodfalls may not work somewhere else but it would be worth passing on as a guide.

Anita explained that Church Council has to decide whether or not to have a Legionella Test (£41.50 plus VAT upwards) . As she had been flushing everything through weekly it was agreed that we didn't need one. Nigel said it is when you have shower heads that you can have a problem.

It was decided to have hymn words on a notice sheet as Veronica had done at St Birinus, but rather than handing them out get people to help themselves.

Paul told us that Tom Grant had passed away yesterday, everyone was shocked and it was agreed we should send Liz a card on behalf of the church as he had been very supportive of Monday services. Jackie will ask Bemerton to keep us informed.

Graham had a phone call from Jim Butt during the meeting to say he wanted to come up this evening to look at the radiator leak by the kitchen and he was struggling to get matching ceiling panels but was going to ask on line if anyone had any leftover in storage.

Dates for your diaries:-

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 10-11.30am Mask tree outside front of church.

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 10.00am Holy Communion Service on grass outside of St Birinus Church. Bring a chair, drink and umbrella for rain or sun!!

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 10.00am Ecumenical Holy Communion inside at St Mary's

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 10.00am Harvest Praise on grass outside St Birinus. Bring a chair, drink and umbrella for rain or sun !!!

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 10.00am Holy Communion inside Woodfalls Methodist

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 10.00am Non Communion inside St Birinus Church

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am Church Council

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 10.30am Church Council

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April Annual General Meeting after morning worship.

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June Church Council