

## Minutes of a Meeting of St Matthew's, Harwell PCC held on Tuesday 2 July 2019 at 7.30pm in All Saints', Chilton

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### Present

Rev Jonathan Mobey	Phill Johnston	Jane Woolley
Tony Hughes	Becca Lewis	Allan Macarthur

### 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Rev Pam Rolls, Rev Jan Radford, Eliza Wheaton, Andrew Keene, Gordon Gill and Sid Gale. Michelle Walker was absent.

### 2. 11am service on 24 November 2019

A paper had been circulated, which proposed that the 11am service on 24 November be cancelled in order to support a combined CAP celebration service at Didcot Civic Hall

Tony Hughes said that he had some qualms about cancelling the service. Even if attendance at the CAP service is strongly encouraged there could be a significant proportion of regular 11am attendees who would be disadvantaged. It's hard to predict what people would do, but it could be that a relatively high proportion of the regular congregation would not wish or would not be able to attend the CAP service or to go to the All Saints' service at 9.30am.

Allan Macarthur wondered if there might be a service leader in the team who would be willing to put on an act of worship in the Chancel instead – something that would not require a churchwarden/churchwarden deputy to run the sound system, the projector, etc.

Phill Johnston said that he would be willing to agree to the proposal of holding no service at St Matthew's in order to support the CAP service, particularly with the right communications about it.

Becca Lewis said that Didcot Civic Hall is easy to get to from Harwell and the parking nearby is straightforward. Therefore she thought that relatively few people would be unwilling to travel to the CAP service.

Jane Woolley said that she was concerned that, however good the communication, some people will not receive the message, or they will forget. Jane said that she liked Allan Macarthur's suggestion of still having a service but a small no-frills one in the Chancel. Jane asked Jonathan Mobey if he thought it would be easy to find a service leader who is willing to do an 11am service instead of attending the CAP service themselves.

Jonathan Mobey said that he thought it should be possible to find a willing service leader. The greater challenge might be finding a sidesperson or churchwarden deputy to work the lights, the heating, etc. But this should also be possible.

Tony Hughes offered to be a churchwarden deputy for the service, if no one else was identified. Tony said that he'd already discussed with Jonathan Mobey not having orchestra on that Sunday anyway, to enable members of the orchestra to attend the CAP service. He would probably not attend the CAP service himself so could be available.

<p><b>DECISION:</b> Put on a significantly pared-down 11am service on 24 November whilst also promoting the CAP service.</p>
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