

A summary of the PCC meeting 4th October 2023*

Present: Rev. Gina Radford, Geoff Addy, Christina Cross, Susan Jozsa, Sarah Smith, Emma McCulloch, Diana Tyler, Elaine Willis, Shirley Eatwell and Greg Wall. (Apologies received from Rob Brighthouse)

Treasurer's Report: There has been a positive response to the Stewardship Campaign, but costs continue to be strictly controlled.

Charitable Giving: As the Thika Project, which St. Petroc's had supported, has now ended there was discussion about other charities that could be supported financially. It was agreed that it is the intention of the PCC to give 10 percent of annual unrestricted income to charities and for the money to be split between overseas and local charities, with the proportion to be flexible. It was agreed that the current giving would be to Christians Engineers in Development £1,500; Shekinah £1,000 and Mercy Ships £500. It was noted that neither Rob nor Barbara Brighthouse were present at the meeting and that there is no clash with the Charities Commission concerning their positions within the charity CED. It was also agreed that the Youth Bus be supported with a further £1,000 which would come from the Youth Support Fund.

Team Rector: There had been no applications for the post of Team Rector. A proposal has been made but the details of this cannot be shared until all the Parish Representatives have discussed it and agreed to it. (Post meeting: The good news is that Gina has been appointed as Team Rector and a number of us attended her formal Institution service on Sunday 5 November led by Bishop James)

Children/Youth Work: St. Petroc's has been awarded £5,000 by the Diocese for a proposed project with Youth for Christ to explore the possibility of a Youth Club at the Rec. This would be aimed at those who visit the Bus but are needing more than the Bus offers.

Home Visiting: Pam Saunders used to take monthly services in the Care Homes in the village – this will be covered by the Ministry Team and augmented by the Home Visiting Team in order to establish relationships with the residents.

Christmas card: Greg Wall will order 1,250 cards which will be delivered with The Messenger by members of the congregation.

Churchwardens' Notices: Lychgate – The carpenter has visited and taken measurements and hopefully the repairs will be done this month.

Organ: The organ has been examined and a second opinion is awaited.

Tree in 1910 churchyard: Two quotes had been received – it was agreed that the quote from Sam Hall should be accepted. (Post meeting: A Faculty will be required before this work can take place)

Vicar's Notices: A new role of Welcome Coordinator has been created and it was agreed that this will be taken on by Mary Andrew, with changes to be discussed with a Churchwarden before implementation.

The Archbishop of Canterbury will be in the Diocese over Remembrance weekend, which is also the "Come and See" weekend, and he will be taking part in a number of themed "Come and See" events across Devon.

Date of the next meeting: 3rd December after the morning service.

(* Note: all of the above is subject to 'approval of minutes' at the next meeting)