

## PCC meeting 3 December 2023

### Repairs to organ

2 quotes have been received from Hele & Michael Farley to repair the church organ. Hele have been approached to get a comparable quote on swell & grand replacement so that a true comparison can be made and we will then proceed. The repairs will cost around £13,000 - £15,000

### Church heating

There is a leak on the current system and Terry Fownes has been engaged to resolve this issue. A submission has gone in to 'Give to go Green' for a £5,000 grant towards an updated heating system (using infrared or pew heaters). A decision will be made on the preferred solution once the outcome is known. Regardless of outcome of the funding bid, it was agreed that we should look to install an updated heating system. A visit has been arranged to look at a recent infrared heater currently on trial at Avonwick Tennis Club.

### Finance

Current situation was noted (which is slightly better than this time last year) but there are significant headwinds next year.

We need to raise awareness of the giving beyond our regular givers. This will include:

- a larger notice on the door & an A frame in the porch
- repositioning the plate & holding the plate near the door as people leave
- a permanent, and easier to use, card reader

Weddings & Funerals: The notice will be posted showing the revised Diocesan Fees and the unchanged St Petroc's fees. Zoom will be excluded from the notice.

The Messenger will continue to be supported. The Mission Fund will be used for this. Options for delivery of the Messenger are being checked & the PCC will be advised.

### The wall (1910 Churchyard)

One quote has been received from Westcountry Stonemasons to repair the wall and alternative quotes are being sought.

### H&S Inspection

This has been completed by Peter Brown, whose input was gratefully acknowledged. The Fabric Committee will meet in the new year to agree actions.

The PCC was reminded that there should be no unauthorised filming or sharing of videos on social media.

The WiFi in the church is now functional (which will support contactless giving)

The church lighting (choir area) has been repaired.

The Lych Gate repair is in progress.

Steps are in place to develop a 'Friends of St Petroc's' (FOSP) fundraising process. It was agreed that any information on similar schemes will be sent to the churchwardens so that we can ensure that we learn from others.

Christmas services have all been advised and the website will be updated to show these. Opportunity will be taken to 'signpost' any visitors over the Christmas period to our regular year round events.

In developing a sustainable Mission Community, the Vicar is looking at how to develop lay ministry in terms of leading worship, children's work, intercessions, pastoral visiting. There will be a meeting in the new year to develop this.

A number of groups are being formed across the Mission Community to spread best practice in specific areas and to provide mutual support

The excellence of the choir's rendition of the Advent Peace Canon was noted.

The PCC approved the funding for the Romans course.

Vivienne Lawrence is now in control of the Church diary on the website. (Emma continues to manage Church Rooms bookings)

It was noted that we all need to provide any requisite information to David to keep the website fully up to date. Gina will ensure that all information on Christmas services is up to date.