

# **PCC Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

## **Highlights**

The wall at the entrance to the 1910 churchyard has been repaired and work to the lychgate has also been completed.

The H&S annual report has been completed and several items have already been addressed. Remaining issues include the hatch into the tower and warning signs along the length of the gully edge adjacent to the Church Rooms.

No safeguarding issues have been raised.

The provisional results for 2023 and the proposed Budget for 2024 were discussed. The end of year report showed a surplus, which reflected the success of the Stewardship Campaign. However, in 2024 an extra £6,000 will need to be found as the Common Fund request has been increased and there will not be a government energy grant from which we benefitted in the previous year. The budget for 2024 was accepted with one change, that giving will be 10 percent of regular income.

There has been an initial meeting to discuss the format of a Friends of St Petroc's (FOSP) group and to move this forward. Terms of Reference will be drawn up.

The Give to Go Green campaign ran from the 1<sup>st</sup> February to the 16<sup>th</sup> March, with letters being sent to those who already support St. Petroc's in order to explain the campaign. If the campaign is successful and the infrared heaters are installed, the current heating system will not be decommissioned as it will be used, at a low level, to control humidity.

It has been agreed that Rev. Gina Radford will become the Rector of the Mission Community but will continue to be based in South Brent. An application will be made for a Pioneer Priest to be based in Buckfastleigh and who would live in the Vicarage in Buckfastleigh and for a House for Duty Priest also to be based in Buckfastleigh and who would live in the current Curate's house. The Churchwardens of all the Mission Community churches have all been consulted and support the proposals.

The Quinquennial inspection was programmed 1<sup>st</sup> March, led by a new architect, Jeremy Chadburn.

It was agreed that work would be conducted on the church organ which is in need of significant renovation.

It was agreed that the Lent Lunches charity should be Mary's Meals.

It was agreed to run a Lent course beginning on the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday from 2-3 p.m. in the Church Room. "What Christians understand by Death", preceded by the Lent lunches from 12.30 – 1.30 p.m.

Next meeting : 24<sup>th</sup> March after the morning service.

Date of the APCM : 5<sup>th</sup> May after the service.