

A Report on the PCC Meeting held on 13th October, 2021

Reports

Finance

The Treasurer compared the surplus we had at the end of 2019 with that of the year 2020 during the pandemic and this year. At the present time we had a surplus of £7,000 and he predicted that by the end of the year it would be £9,000 which would compare favourably with 2019. As we are without a vicar, we were only paying half the Family Purse and since it was unlikely that the MMU's would be in place by next year, he felt that we should carry on paying half the Family Purse through 2022. During autumn 2020 he had secured a fixed price for our gas for three years which was welcomed. The Treasurer was thanked for his work on the accounts.

Fabric

New 30-Watt LED lights had been fitted in the nave.

After problems with the flushing system in the toilet in the Welcome Area new fittings had been installed. The floor and walls had now dried out but the walls needed repainting.

All portable appliances in the hall and church had been PAT tested in accordance with safety regulations and the fire extinguishers had been serviced and certified.

Enquiries are in progress regarding the repair of the Chancel Arch and Smartwater marking of some of the new lead at lower levels.

An increase in lettings between now and Christmas will result in additional physical work moving furniture and cleaning, especially as some Covid precautions are still necessary.

Worship Team and Mission group

Between now and the end of the year we have some significant services e.g. A joint service with Castle Methodists, Remembrance Sunday, The Covenant Service at Castle, Christmas services. There would be no service on Christmas Day, but we were invited to join the service at Christchurch. Some concerts would need staging and help would be needed to erect and take it down. Also, there would be plenty of furniture moving which would require people to help.

Bookings for hirings

It was reported that regular hirers had booked their concerts for 2022 and beyond.

Deanery Synod

The Synod had not met since the last PCC meeting but were meeting that evening.

Mission Group This Month's Newsletter was written and would be sent out very soon.

Stewarding Changes A letter of invitation and printed instructions were ready to send out to stewards from regular organisation for a training session. Details would be finalised and dates suggested for organisations to attend.

9. Ongoing Covid Policy There was a proposal to ease the requirement of wearing of masks, possibly only needed when singing or speaking closely. After a great deal of discussion, it was felt that putting on masks for singing would lead to confusion and it was eventually decided that we would keep the present arrangements of requesting the wearing of masks throughout the service for another month until further review at the next PCC Meeting. **Parish Magazine** Again there was much discussion. The meeting felt that a magazine was necessary, especially in December for Christmas. It was felt that more people needed to be involved. The Newsletter would ask for people interested and others would be asked for contributions.

Next Meeting Wednesday, 17th November at 2.30 p.m. in church.