

Summary of the PCC Meeting held on 12th January 2022

Due to Covid and building works being carried out in the church this PCC Meeting was held by correspondence and email.

The Chairman thanked all who had decorated the church and helped with services over the Christmas period.

Correspondence

An application had been received from Net to extend the scope of telecon equipment within the tower, to facilitate the new SG networks. This will require some physical work by NET, replacing some and adding new components, which will create a little inconvenience for weekday use of the Church. The PCC will be paid a one-off sum of £500.00 in addition to the current annual payments. **The PCC unanimously agreed that we could support a faculty application by NET to facilitate this work.**

Reports

Finance

The Treasurer had circulated a 2021 'year ending' balance sheet showing a small surplus of income over expenditure at the end of the year. Members expressed thanks to the Treasurer for his work throughout the year.

Fabric

Work on the Chancel arch had started on the 4th January as planned and progress to date is in accordance with the work schedule. Minor work in replacing a transformer which powers the electronics within the organ was carried out.

Worship Team

The Worship Team are planning a Candlemas service for the end of January which will be a united service with Castle Methodists. Sunday 6th February will mark the 70th anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne.

Bookings

Due to the work on the Chancel Arch bookings are not being taken during January and early February.

Deanery Synod

The PCC were reminded of the meeting on 3rd February with the Archdeacon at which the situation with the deanery will be discussed, following the legal break of the Town Centre Parish.

Mission Group

The Red Bucket collection over the Christmas period raised £268.31 for Essex Integration.

Stewarding Changes

Due to the restrictions placed on lettings through concerns of Covid transmission, the new stewarding policy has not been tested to the full, but the additional commitment from hirers has eased some of the stewarding requirements of the church.

Ongoing Covid Policy

It was proposed that until Government and the C. of E. policy informs that precautions are unnecessary, we should keep to our policy of hand-sanitising, wearing facemasks and social distancing where possible. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

AOB

A member proposed that we mark the Queen's 70th anniversary of her accession to the throne should be celebrated on 6th February and that the Union Jack should be flown. The same person offered to prepare hanging baskets for the outside of the church with red, white and blue flowers. These suggestions were accepted with thanks.

Date of Next Meeting

This would probably be 9th February unless required otherwise following the meeting with the Archdeacon.