

Summary of the PCC Meeting on 13th April 2022

Matter arising the Chairman had requested a faculty for the Laying up of the British Legion Flag but certain details were first required such as making sure that the legion would pay for any costs incurred for laying up and maintenance.

Correspondence – The chairman told the meeting that the funeral of a former vicar of St. Botolph's, Revd. Fred Woods, would be held on 5th May at 12.30 p.m. at the church. He also informed the meeting that two former worshippers of St. Botolph's had died, Stephen Spencer and Michael Peel.

Reports

Finance: The work on the sanctuary had been paid but we still had to pay for the work on the organ due to take place later in the year. The Treasurer was reluctant to pay the shortfall on the Parish Share at the moment. Parish giving had fallen considerably, partly due to the pandemic. With the increase in heating and lighting costs due to rise later in the year it was suggested that church members should be reminded of this in the monthly Newsletter. 40% of our income came from hiring the church for concerts.

Fabric: The essential repair to the shed roof had been completed and the roof was now watertight.

The question of choir robes was discussed. As they were not used now, not having a choir, it was felt that they were taking up valuable cupboard space. Various suggestions were made as to what we should do with them. This led into another discussion on items cluttering the galleries such as hymn books, bric a brac and old wooden chairs that were not needed. The members were asked to think about this and it would be on the agenda in a couple of months.

Worship Group: Thanks were given to Colin for his work in preparing the Lent course and the Good Friday service. It was reported that one of our newer members had joined the Reader and Intercessors team.

Bookings: These were holding up but we were only just managing to steward them. Although regular users were doing their own stewarding, mostly satisfactorily, opening and locking the church was more difficult. Colin thought that some Music Society members might be interested in stewarding. He would look into this

Deanery Synod: There had been no meeting since our last PCC meeting.

The Way Forward: PCC members of St. Botolph's and of Christ Church had met for a lunch on the invitation of Christ Church, the aim being to get to know one another as the two churches will need to work together in future. There were many unanswered questions as to how the way forward would work.