

## Summary of the PCC Meeting held on 11th May 2022

### Reports

a) Fabric It was suggested that since electricity prices were due to rise it would be advantageous to install proximity switches in the toilets and replace more fluorescent lights with LED's. He estimated that materials would cost around £300, and there would be the cost of installation. The meeting thought this would be prudent and firm costs would be obtained before the next meeting.

b) Finance Each member was given a copy of the accounts showing the income and expenditure for the last three years followed by the forecast for this year and the actual for the first three months of the year. The treasurer stated that our income was very much down on previous years, and with cost of gas and electricity rising dramatically, and funding the organ repairs later in the year, we should only pay half the Parish Share if we wish to have sufficient reserve to go into next year. A few of the car park hirers still owed money and

c) Worship Group Nothing to report.

d) Bookings Each October hire charges were reviewed for the coming year but they were last reviewed in 2021. We need to cover our costs plus a little extra. In January 2019 the cost of Gas and Electricity associated with hiring the church for a concert and rehearsal was £100. At the moment we were just about covering our costs but with the current rise in the cost of gas and electricity and due to rise again in October, we need to increase our charges without losing hirers. Because heating isn't required from May to October we had a cheaper rate as opposed to the winter months when heating was required. It was proposed that the present rates should be raised by 5%, with a further supplement during the winter months. This was agreed unanimously.

6. Plan for the Future It was difficult to plan for the future, as when Canon Paul retires at the end of September it is not known how long an interregnum will last. The Churchwardens of both Christ Church and St. Botolph's have met to discuss the situation but no further action at the moment.

7. Celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Plans are going ahead for a lunch after the morning service to which members of Christ Church and Castle Methodist have been invited. The service and lunch will have a royal theme.

8. A.O.B. Crafty Drama are arranging a Picnic in the Priory on 23<sup>rd</sup> July and have asked if we would like to join them with some stalls. At present we do not have the 'people' power to do this, but it has been agreed that we will serve Teas and Coffees from the choir vestry.

A suggestion was made to invite Christ Church's PCC for a return lunch.

Hanging baskets with red, white and blue flowers would be up in time for the Jubilee weekend.

The meeting was told that three Ukrainians were invited along to the last SBMS concert and really enjoyed it.

It was asked if we should start having coffee after all Sunday services and whether it would be a good idea to ask for volunteers for various jobs around the church. It was agreed to ask the congregation for volunteers so that rotas could be drawn up, for both the 'welcome team' and the 'serving of coffee'.

The next meeting would be on Wednesday the June at 2.30 p.m. in the church.