

Summary of the PCC Meeting held on the 8th June 2022

The Platinum Jubilee Lunch with Christ Church and Castle Methodist joining us had been a great success and forged new friendships. A small profit had been made and divided between the three churches.

Fabric - The faculty for the laying up of the British Legion Standard had been sent to the DAC for their meeting in early July. Also, the sensor switches for the toilets were hoped to be fitted during the next couple of weeks.

Finance - In the Treasurer's absence a financial statement was circulated to members. The Chairman pointed out that at the end of this year there should be a small surplus but although we had paid for the repair to the chancel arch we still needed to have enough to pay for the organ repair when it happened, possibly towards the end of this year or early next year. The Treasurer had informed the Chairman that he would like someone to understudy him until the next annual meeting as he wished to retire from the position. The meeting suggested that the congregation be notified and if no one was forthcoming we may need to employ someone.

Worship – Sunday, 30th July would be a joint service with Castle Methodist coming to St. Botolph's. This would be a 'home team' service and needed preparation by the Worship Group.

Bookings - Bookings remain constant with 3 events in June and 5 in July. Stewarding remains tight but we are just about managing. Looking ahead to 2023 there are 14 provisional bookings at the moment all from our regulars. William asked if there was to be a Battle of Britain Service. If the British Legion would like to join us on 18th September, they would be welcome.

Plans for the Future – The Chairman said that he had drafted a letter to the Bishop to back up one that had been written by Christ Church requesting that with Canon Paul Norrington retiring at the end of September, the procedure for replacing should begin now as the two churches would be without an ordained Clergy. However, since we were still legally linked with St. Peter's, we are not legally able to raise a formal request, which placed St Botolph's in limbo until we are legally separated.

A.O.B. – A good friend of St. Botolph's Music Society had donated a large sum towards the organ repair fund.

The Diocesan Flag would be flown for St, Botolph's Day and it would be celebrated during the service on 19th June.

The Date of the next Meeting – Wednesday, 13th July, at 2.30 p.m. in Church.