

Summary of the PCC Meeting

held on 13th July, 2022

Finance –The Treasurer had forecast that we would have in the region of £84,000 in the bank at the end of the year. However, repair work to the organ would need to be paid out from that sum. Obtaining grants from various sources for the organ repairs was discussed and enquiries would be made. Fuel costs would increase significantly in October. Another car park space was being rented.

Fabric - The sensor switches and LED lights in the toilets had been fitted and were proving to be energy saving. At a future date it was hoped to be able to fit LED lights in the corridor leading to the hall.

The brass bookstand where the base had become detached from the stand had now been repaired.

A shelf had been put into one of the kitchen cupboards so that crockery stored in the north gallery could now be put in the kitchen. It was felt that a china dinner service in the gallery was surplus to requirements and the meeting agreed that it could be given to a charity shop, probably to St. Helena Hospice.

Worship – Canon Paul’s last service at St. Botolph’s will be on 4th September and he would like it to be a Communion Service as he hasn’t taken one with us. There would be a presentation made during the service and coffee and cake would be served in the hall afterwards. We were invited to Castle on Thursday 17th September at 7.30 p.m. to a Welcoming Service for their new Minister

Bookings – Regular bookings for concerts and recitals had returned to St. Botolph’s but was definitely a problem in the caretaking after concerts. Electricity and gas costs would be increasing and a formula for an extra charge for winter concerts covering the increase in gas costs had been approved at the last PCC meeting. The Army Chaplain had been in contact to hold a Christmas Service for the military in mid-December which was welcomed. Also, Da Capo Academy were hoping to hire the church for ABRSM exams, but this was in the exploratory stages.

Plans for the Future – The final stages of separation with St. Peter’s were with the Church Commissioners, once this is approved planning can proceed at Deanery level. It was felt that possibly, no appointment would be made before August 2023. Canon Paul had given us a service rota covering us until April.2023

The Royal British Legion would like to attend St. Botolph’s in September for the Battle of Britain Service.

A.O.B.

The Chairman referred to The Friends of St. Botolph’s being wound up. He said it had been useful to have a group of people not all connected to the church, to raise money for the church. Although it was sad The Friends should be congratulated for what they had done