

Summary of the PCC Meeting held on the 9th November 2022

Reports

a) **Fabric** The Chairman said that several seats on the church chairs had been repaired but there were more to do.

b) **Finance** The Treasurer had circulated the accounts as they stood at the end of October. He said that we had a surplus of £2,559. He pointed out that Shared Access (mobile phone masts in the tower) had made a payment back dated for increased rental.

c) **Worship Team and Mission group** The Chairman gave a list of special services coming up. Advent Sunday would be the Renewal of our Covenant with Castle Methodists. It would be a Communion service with the Minister from Castle preaching 4th December, the Morning Service would contain the Laying up of the Royal British Legion old Area Standard and the blessing of the new one.

18th December was the date for our Carol Service.

Castle Methodists had been invited to join our service on Christmas Day as they would not be a service at Castle.

Members were asked to vote on four charities out of the eight shortlisted, for our Red Bucket Collections for the next twelve months. The results were as follows:-

Colchester Food Bank (Christmas)

Motor Neurone Disease

Essex and Herts Air Ambulance

[Médecins sans Frontières](#)

On 25th February Clive Joyce had booked the hall and kitchen for a Quiet Day for Christ Church, St. Botolph's and Castle Methodists.

On Easter Sunday, Bishop Roger would be the celebrant.

Several people had asked if we could sing more of the communion service as we had before the pandemic and sing the Benedictus in the Morning Worship. As the music in the communion service is unique to St. Botolph's, it was suggested that printed music could be available.

d) **Bookings** There had been a request from the Army Benevolent Fund, who were holding their Christmas concert on 8th December, if they could have a reduction in the cost of hiring the premises. The meeting was reminded that we do not reduce the costs but we do, in some circumstances, make a donation to the charity. It was agreed that we make a donation of £200.

On 13th December the Army would hold a Carol Service for the parachute regiments, which would be taken by the Army Padre. They will make a contribution to heating and light.

Planning When we had a meeting with the Bishop etc, last month it was proposed that we should work with Christ Church to have a profile of our churches in readiness to advertise for a new Priest in Charge of the two parishes in the New Year. The Chairman with the help of other PCC members had prepared a profile for St. Botolph's. There was much discussion on this profile, mainly about the wording and minor adjustments were made. On 11th November Three members were to meet three members of Christ Church to produce one document for both churches.

A.O.B. As work on the organ was due to begin at the end of December the North gallery needed to be cleared at the end near the organ. It was suggested that this would be best done before the end of November and a date was agreed. m