

A Summary of the Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on 14th February, 2024 Branson

at St. Botolph's Church at 1.30 p.m. in the Choir Vestry

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Tea Concert planned for 7th April has had to be postponed to later in the year.

An email had been received from a Ukrainian lady wishing to make a video recording of a pianist and dancer for a Ukrainian Registered Charity for orphans in that country who had lost parents due to the war there. Colin had met her and thought that this could be possible. She would need the church for two days Discussion followed and questions were raised as to the content of the programme. Providing there was nothing political or anti our Christian faith, then it could be possible. Pauline said we should have the chance to view it before it was released for sale. Colin proposed that we should give the go ahead and Chris KS seconded it and it was carried unanimously, Colin would contact her. It was possible that SBMS could contribute to any costs such as piano tuning.

Vicar's Comments The vicar asked members whether or not they had noticed that he wasn't wearing his robes at some services and what were their thoughts on this. There were various opinions and after much discussion it was agreed that as an experiment he and Revd. Emma would robe on Festivals and Holy Communions. St. George's Day would be celebrated on 21st April and the Morning Service would be a Civic Service welcoming the Mayor and the City Councillors. The meeting with the council regarding the planning for the Britannia Car Park the vicar had attended and made good representation on the necessity of keeping the car park. Sir Bob Russell and other representatives also made many points as to why the car park should be kept but to seemingly no avail. After the meeting the vicar and Sir Bob agreed to contact the church hirers and businesses to make their strength of feeling known. The vicar had also attended the C7 group of Churches meeting concerning the use of the priory and the church premises for a picnic and service. They would provide insurance cover and security. He felt it was a good central place for town centre churches to come together

Junior Church Revd. Emma outlined her plans for a Junior Church. She would begin by holding it once a month at the same time as the morning service. Some resources would be needed to be purchased between £100 - £150 was a rough estimate. Revd Emma proposed and Gill seconded and the meeting agreed that this should go ahead.

Reports

Fabric The systemiser in the gents toilet is not working and needs replacing but it is out of stock at the moment. There is a loose tile on the roof and with the amount of recent rain the downpipe is blocked causing water to seep through the roof and down the inside wall. A builder has been notified to solve the problem. The only lights that had not been changed to LED were those in the hallway and the vicar's vestry. To replace these with LED lights would cost in the region of £200 and should be done.

Finance The Treasurer presented accounts to end January 24 and explained slight changes in presentation, when compared to last year.(copy attached)

Worship Service for Maundy Thursday and Easter morning were discussed. The Agape service would begin with a simple meal followed by Communion. The sunrise Easter morning service would be held in the priory, weather permitting, followed by a breakfast of bacon rolls, rolls with butter and preserves .and tea and coffee Two gentlemen from Christ Church were willing to come and help with this. Easter cards were needing printed to distribute.

Bookings These were increasing and we had some new organisations booking the church.

A.O.B. The APCM would be held on 12th May following the morning service It was pointed out the toilet in the Welcome area needed updating as it was looking tired and needed a refurbish.

It was noted that our notice boards needed updating and would proceed when some related matters had been resolved. There were grants available.

Date of next Meeting would be Wednesday, 20th March at 2.30 p.m. in the choir vestry.