

A Summary of the Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on 20th March 2024

DISCUSSION – Away Day Actions We wish to let people know that Jesus welcomes everyone to our church. He suggested that the text “Jesus said, “If anyone is thirsty, let them come to me and drink” (John 7:37). The meeting agreed that this was a good text and Chris KS said that she would like to see it printed on every service sheet. This was what St. Botolph’s was all about. The activities at the Away day had shown that there were nine things that we would like to see happen. Two more were suggested.

- a) Advertising (external – signs, visible, known) (internal – in your face)
- b) Sound.

There followed much discussion on these aims and one had already started. A junior Church was in place. Each PCC Member was asked to tick two things that they would like to see happen first. The two things that most people would like to see happen first were.

- (7 votes) Advertising (external – signs, visible, known) (internal – in your face)
- (5 votes) Sound
- (3 votes) Outreach to children and young people on every PCC agenda
- (2 votes) St John’s Green School – be in touch, pray for them, bless them (e.g. Staff treats) (CYO)
- (2 votes) Pastoral follow up + welcome cards
- (3 votes) Everybody Welcome Course
- (1 votes) Encourage personal life of prayer (Pat) inc Bible Study notes and Weds prayers
- (1 vote) DAC Visit (with Town Deal and Civic Society) to discuss how St B’s can be an attractive part of the City
- (1 vote) Contact management solution
- (0 votes) Revamp pastoral care network

The vicar would report to the Deanery on our findings and aims.

Children and Young People – “How can it happen Again” Revd. Emma had already begun a Junior Church once a month. It was felt that an approach to St. John’s Green School would be a positive action and although it was too late to arrange anything before Easter Revd. Emma said she would try and fit in a visit to the school in the coming week. Perhaps with a gift of Easter eggs.

Safeguarding – The Vicar pointed out that we still needed more people to be DBS checked. Jackie was in the process and Pat volunteered to do so.

Vicar – The vicar said that he had found The Away Day excellent.

Reports **Fabric-** David P reported that the gutters had been cleared of debris and slates that had slipped had been secured. The contractor had mentioned that several slates are showing signs of weathering and would soon need replacing. As a quinquennial would take place this year we would wait until that was received. The lights in the hallway and vicar’s vestry had been replaced with LED lights.

Finance – The Treasurer presented accounts to the end of February 2024 and commented that the income during February had brought the current year into profit. He also, presented the end of year accounts for 2023 Pauline Palmer proposed and Colin seconded that we would accept these accounts and the proposal was unanimously agreed Colin and Pauline signed the end of year statement. As there had been no Independent Examiner appointed at last year’s APCM Michael Howarth had offered to do this, the offer being accepted unanimously. Ann offered to write a letter of thanks to Michael for the time he had taken to examine the accounts. The vicar then prayed with the PCC that a new treasurer would come forward.

Worship – The Nesletter would be sent out to those people who were unable to get to church.

Bookings – March had been a busy month. The Booking Secretary said that at the moment we only had two stewards and we needed more help or bookings would have to be cancelled. April was going to be another busy month but we did have a baptism and wedding to look forward to later in the year.