

Annual Report on the Proceedings of the PCC

Review of Progress and Achievements 2018-19

The PCC met 8 times during 2018-19. There was a special meeting held on the 18 November 2018 to approve the planting of a Memorial Tree for Dr. Jephcott and we had a Visitation Meeting with Archdeacon John on the 4 September 2018. The minutes of the meetings are on the Parish Website, as is the Archdeacons Visitation report.

At the 2018 APCM, 7 members of the PCC were elected: Paul David, Richard Berndes, Diane Cater, Frances Cansfield, Andrea Edwards, Claudia De Rienzo and Dinos Kousoulou.

The first meeting after the APCM was for the appointment of officers and appointments to the Advisory Groups. Claire Reilly was appointed as Safeguarding Officer/Children's Champion. Damien Brown was appointed Special Needs Champion and Dinos Kousoulou as Secretary.

The Advisory Groups for Finance, Buildings, MABs, and the Standing Committee continue to meet and report to the PCC.

MABS –The PCC approved the restructuring of the MABS Management Structure, creating a new post of Director. We noted that David Andrews departed in September and his MABS duties are being covered by other staff members.

Parish Finances – The PCC agreed to reduce its contribution towards the Common Fund to £60,000 in 2019, in recognition of the substantial amount of repair and refurbishment work that needed to be undertaken both in the Church and Parish Centre. The PCC approved the budget for 2019 that showed a small surplus of £880.

Buildings – We appointed Alex Veal to assist in preparing for the refurbishment work and to prepare the next Quinquennial Report.

The PCC noted that works to the Bell Tower were finished to a level that allowed the Bells to be rung and ensure the tower was watertight. A new lightening conductor system has also been installed around the Tower. However more permanent repairs are still required. The renewed toilets in the Parish Centre have been twinned.

The Prayer Haven has been fully refurbished and is in regular use at lunchtimes, predominately by the County and Grammar School pupils.

Mission Action Plan. Work on revising the MAP was undertaken during the course of the year and a revised MAP "Towards 2030" was published in November. The PCC agreed a Mission Statement: "Building community together on the value of Jesus"

Bible Study Groups. Two Bible Study Groups have been established and it is hoped that the number of Groups will grow in the future.

Communion Servers. The PCC agreed that Communion Servers no longer needed to be robed. This has enabled more people to be recruited for the Ministry.

Safeguarding – PCC formally adopted the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy

Dinos Kousoulou
PCC Secretary