

## PCC Jottings

**Present:** Tim Gleghorn, Catherine Harrison-Smith (Secretary), Rebecca Armstrong (Chair), Alastair Gibson, Matthew Judd, Andy Waterman, Brenda Carter, David Chambers

**Apologies:** Dan Darwin

Matthew led the devotions on the theme of seeking wisdom from the Lord in everything we do.

We passed the Independent Examination of our 2023 annual accounts, and the PCC approved the Finance papers for the APCM – these will be available ahead of the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April. The café lease has been extended for another 6 months until September, which we are very excited about; however, there are additional costs over and above replacing the stolen lead from the roof due to water ingress damage to the South Stairwell. Overall, we are happy to say that so far this year we are broadly in line with the planned budget.

The Overcoming the Seven Deadly Sins series seems to have gone well, in part due to having impassioned and honest speakers – thanks to everyone who preached over Lent. The Summer series will be about Gifts – for example, the Gift of Worship, the Gift of Technology – and will feature some exciting guest speakers whilst Tim is away on Sabbatical. Any questions during May, June and July should be firstly directed to Bryony Waterman, or in her absence to Alastair and Becs as Churchwardens, who can pass queries on that are better suited to be answered by others. The PCC sends Tim on Sabbatical with their blessings and are looking forward to hearing about everything he has learned on his return.

We are starting to see some visible results of the various maintenance projects approved for the year – the roof repairs and the upstairs kitchen/office door being the most visible. The crypt flooring will be replaced in the week commencing the 10<sup>th</sup> of June during which the café will be closed. We need to have removed the old carpet tiles ourselves by then and would appreciate volunteers to help, so watch this space for news on how you can get involved. Other projects are progressing through the design, planning and approval stages, including outside window refurbishment, upstairs hall servery, livestream cameras and improved energy efficient lighting. The PCC thanked the Operations Committee for their work on all these projects.

The APCM will be on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April, and the format will be similar to last year. We will have a service focused on celebrating the previous year and a Bring and Share lunch, with activities for the children during the formal part of the meeting. This is a great chance to reflect on serving within the church in different ways; if you are interested in joining the PCC or helping in the office, please do talk to Tim and Bryony about doing so! The Annual Report document will be available online and in paper format as per last year; the PCC would like to thank everyone who wrote a piece for the report, as well as James Collie who does such a great job putting the report and a Review of the Year video together.

Brenda ended the meeting in prayer.