

PCC Jottings

Present: Catherine Harrison-Smith (Secretary), Rebecca Armstrong (Chair), Matthew Judd, Andy Waterman, Brenda Carter, David Chambers, Fay Breed, Anne Cameron

Apologies: Tim Gleghorn, Alastair Gibson

Catherine led the devotions on the theme of new beginnings, referencing Jeremiah 29, Ecclesiastes 3 and Psalm 121.

We welcomed new PCC member Fay and new PCC Secretary Anne with a meal cooked by Becs; it was a lovely chance for fellowship amongst the PCC, with some lively discussion around the dinner table. Thanks to Becs for hosting us and making a delicious chilli!

The PCC reviewed a snapshot of our finances compared to the Budget for 2024. Although some of the building work is costing more than expected, we are attempting to reduce costs on items like heating and lighting, both to save money and to make the building more environmentally friendly. Any help for these efforts would be appreciated! The PCC thanked David for his diligent work on the accounts, which will be filed with the Charity Commission by the end of June.

We have a lot of Operations Work planned for this summer, including the quinquennial inspection, external window refurbishment and the taking up and re-laying of the Crypt floor. Please keep an eye on Connected for how you can help, in particular with removing the old flooring from the Crypt. We are also in the process of getting quotes for a new Servery upstairs; watch this space for further details of this project!

During Tim's Sabbatical we are really looking forward to all of our guest speakers coming as part of The Gifts series. The PCC is extremely grateful to Michelle Taylor for her service during this time and are happy that she has already settled into the St Swithin's family. The Summer Series for Life Groups looks to be really exciting; lots of people have signed up already, but there is always space for more people – you can sign up on the website or via a paper form from the back of church on Sundays. Thanks to Dan for taking the lead in organising this!

Adrian Youings is no longer the Archdeacon of Bath; in recognition of everything he has done for St Swithin's the PCC has made a donation to his leaving gift. If you wish to also make a personal contribution, please talk to Becs or Alastair about doing so.

Dan ended the meeting in prayer.