

**PCC Jottings**  
**7pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at St Swithin's Crypt**

**Present:** Tim Gleghorn (Chair), Catherine Harrison-Smith (Secretary), Rebecca Armstrong (arrived 7.30), Alastair Gibson, David Chambers, Dan Darwin, Matthew Judd, Andy Waterman, Brenda Carter

Andy led the devotions on the theme of doing the Lord's work in Bath.

Tim has been looking at the Vision and Values of St Swithin's and the PCC will be spending some time over the next few months reviewing these in light of where the church is now and how we want to grow. Jesus will always be the centre and foundation of everything we do – this is essential to any church, and we feel very strongly about it. We know that God is at work in St Swithin's and intend to spend time in prayer to understand how we can help God's plan for us.

The PCC approved the Budget drawn up for next year. It was reported that we are likely to have reduced the annual operating deficit from £60K to £40K as budgeted for 2023, and plan for a further reduction to £20K during 2024. The aim is to have a balanced budget by the end of 2025. The PCC is very grateful for the financial support it continues to receive from the congregation. The PCC thanked David for all his hard work as Treasurer this year.

The Mission team have been planning different events and talks with some of our mission partners, as it would be wonderful for the whole church family to know these people and organisations better. There has also been provision made in next year's budget for an increased monetary gift to some of these organisations. The PCC thanked Nicola Stuffins and Brenda for all their work in this area.

In addition to the quinquennial report due next year, the PCC has plans for some projects in the next few years to enable us to use our wonderful building to a greater extent. Some of these are more functional (like replacing the crypt carpet); some are worship and outreach related (such as new equipment for worship and livestreaming); some are to do with increasing the usable space in our building (working on the balcony and better refreshment hospitality on the ground floor). Watch this space for more news on how you can be involved in these exciting new plans!

Brenda ended the meeting in prayer.