

**PCC Jottings**  
**7pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at St Swithin's Crypt**

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

**Apologies:** Alastair Gibson

Tim led the devotions on the theme of the weight of carrying expectations that aren't our own and being dressed in the armour that God has given us, referencing the story of David and Goliath in 1 Samuel.

There has been lots going on at St Swithin's and across the country this summer, including (but not limited to) New Wine, Big Church Festival, Satellites, the St Cuthbert's pilgrimage and the Honey Café opening downstairs – all of which was celebrated at the Church Away Day on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September. The day itself in Batheaston was a roaring success, with the mix of worship, fun activities and great hospitality. The PCC wish to thank everyone involved with planning and delivering such a brilliant event!

Financially speaking, we are now hopeful that we will be able to reduce our deficit as forecast on Giving Sunday earlier this year, thanks to our increased lettings and to our wonderfully generous congregation. We thank each and every one of you for your contributions and look forward to working with you to Display God's Splendour!

Looking ahead, we will be continuing with Acts this term in the lead up to Advent and Christmas and continuing to support other churches around Bath in many ways, including hosting The Well once a month (do come along on the second Sunday of the month if you are able!) Jayne Rochford-Smith, the Headteacher of St Andrew's School, will be leaving at the end of the term – we thank her for everything she has done to make the school such a welcoming place and will work with the governors to find someone capable of filling her shoes.

Dan ended the meeting in prayer.