

PCC Jottings

Present: Alastair Gibson (Chair), Fay Breed, David Chambers, Dan Darwin, Andy Waterman, Brenda Carter, Rebecca Armstrong

Apologies: Tim Gleghorn, Matthew Judd, Anne Cameron, Catherine Harrison-Smith

Dan led devotions on Acts 2 and reminded us that as people of God and his church we are flawed, but also flawless in God's eyes – an encouragement never to disengage, be discouraged or dishonour.

A busy summer of Operations work continues. The church's quinquennial inspection has taken place and we're awaiting the architect's report. A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the replacement of the crypt floor – the results look fantastic. The next steps will be the external painting of the windows on the south side, repairs to the roof & parapet wall over the office, and the repairs and redecoration of the southern stairwell. Work on these will start in mid-August and last around a month. They will involve extensive scaffolding!

The PCC are very grateful to Michelle Taylor for the wonderful practical and spiritual support she has provided during Tim's sabbatical. A gift was presented to Michelle on her last Sunday with us to reflect our gratitude.

The summer series has now come to an end and was a great success – many thanks to Dan for organising and to all who were involved in leading and attending the various groups.

A major part of the meeting was taken up with reviewing and updating church policies, covering matters such as Health & Safety and Safeguarding. These were adopted on an interim basis, pending final review and adoption at the next PCC meeting in September.

One of the outcomes of this review was agreement that all staff should be required to have basic DBS checks (in addition to the existing requirement for anyone working with children and youth to have an enhanced DBS). All stewards, PCC, life group leaders, worship and prayer ministry team members should be asked to take the CofE safeguarding course.

The church BBQ on 7 July was enjoyed by all; many thanks to everyone who helped make it happen, and particular thanks to the butcher on Walcot Street for great service and Keith Stuffins for overall supervision!

Around 40 people from the church will be heading to New Wine later this month.

Fay closed the meeting in prayer.