

PCC jottings April 2025

Present: Tim Gleghorn (Chair), Anne Cameron (Secretary), Alastair Gibson, Rebecca Armstrong, Matthew Judd, Fay Breed, Andy Waterman, Charlie Tull, Lorri Newton

Apologies: Dan Darwin and Margaret Warne

Tim led devotions on how we can experience growth in the midst of challenge and pain. Referencing Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus, he reminded us that we need to reflect on the nature of discipleship and think about whether we want things on God's terms or ours. Easter gives an opportunity to die to self and follow in Jesus' footsteps. Suffering and challenge provide an opportunity for us to come to a deeper trust in God

As we have some new PCC members following the APCM we welcomed them with a delicious meal at the Rectory – thank you Tim and Jo!

We tried a different approach to the APCM this year, meeting in the afternoon and sharing hospitality and a meal together as well as doing business. It was good to celebrate as a community all God has been doing over the past year, and particularly exciting to hear about what the children have enjoyed about church.

As well as preaching at our Sunday morning service on Sunday 9th March, the Archdeacon also visited the church on Thursday 6th March and visited the school, café and toddler group. Tim thanked everyone for their contributions to the Archdeacon's visit.

PCC approved the church's safeguarding action plan, and thanks were expressed to Suzi Darwin and Ann Banner for their hard work on this.

Work continues to implement the actions from the recent fire risk assessment, which showed that work is needed in the boiler room, stairwells and also emergency lighting. The church's five-year electrical inspection has recently taken place and work arising from this will cost around £2500.

We will be running the summer series again in May, and like last year there'll be a range of spiritual, leisure and creative activities – look out for more details after Easter.

Tim encouraged everyone to engage with activities during Holy Week, which will include teaching, worship and creative activities as well as an hour at the cross on Good Friday.

An error in the 2024 APCM minutes was noted in the following sentence:

Over the past year £21 000 has been raised from letting out the church building, and £18,000 from letting out Church House.

This should read:

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