

PCC jottings February 2025

**Present:** Tim Gleghorn, Alastair Gibson (Chair), Andy Waterman, Fay Breed, Rebecca Armstrong, Brenda Carter, Dan Darwin, Anne Cameron (Secretary), Nicola Stuffins

**Apologies:** David Chambers, Dan Darwin and Matthew Judd  
Fay opened the meeting in prayer.

Brenda, Nicola and Rosemary oversee our work with global partners and Brenda and Nicola shared an update.

The team has been looking at new ways to engage people and enable people to know who our partners are, build relationships and pray for partners effectively. After reflection, prayer and discussion with Tim, the team have proposed reducing the number of partners from nine to five: CHIT - India; Katia Rocks (CMS) - Brazil; The Warehouse - South Africa; Paul & Alison Guinness - Burundi; Genesis Trust - Bath. These are individuals and organisations that church members have personal relationships with.

While we will no longer be supporting Wycliffe, Tearfund or CMJ (the Gatehouses are also retiring this year), we encourage people to continue to support them individually. Having fewer partners will help us to communicate partner needs more effectively. We discussed ways to share partners' needs including life groups adopting a partner and 'mission Sundays'. There will be a Q&A after the morning service on 23rd February where people can find out more and share questions or concerns.

David shared the audited accounts for 2024 ahead of the meeting. Our financial picture is encouraging; we have broken even a year ahead of schedule, due to increased giving - many thanks to all who give - and also to Bryony Waterman's hard work in increasing lettings income from church events. Thanks were expressed to Bryony. Our lettings ministry is a vital source of church income and a way of welcoming people into the building, and Bryony would love to hear from people interested in supporting events.

The church has recently undertaken a fire risk assessment and the costs arising from this will be around 5K. Alastair and Bryony have started working through the recommendations and have drafted a fire policy, fire management plan and evacuation policy. Alastair has led a training session on fire evacuation for relevant volunteers and will organise another session soon for those who couldn't attend.

Tim shared that Jane Piper has joined the staff team as a volunteer with a focus on pastoral care and administration. An advert for the worship pastor will go out soon, and Tim expressed thanks to all who are covering worship in the meantime.

The APCM will be on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 4.30pm and we will share a meal together -more details coming soon.