

## PCC Jottings September 2024

**Present:** Tim Gleghorn (Chair), David Chambers, Alistair Gibson, Anne Cameron (Secretary), Dan Darwin, Rebecca Armstrong, Andy Waterman, Fay Breed

**Apologies:** Matthew Judd, Brenda Carter

Alistair led devotions on the gifts of the spirit, referencing 1 Corinthians 14 and 1 Corinthians 12, and encouraged PCC to consider whether we are manifesting and asking for spiritual gifts as a church. In reference to 1 Peter 4 vs. 8 and 10 we were also reminded to follow the way of love and use gifts for the common good and to serve others. During the upcoming season of prayer, we were encouraged to desire and pray for the gifts of the spirit to be poured out on the church.

David shared positive news on the church finances; church income has increased during the past year and he forecasts breaking even by the year end, excluding our planned £50,000 investment in the building paid for from reserves. The café contract was extended for another 12 months from September. Income from hire of the building also increased significantly and PCC expressed thanks to Bryony for her hard work on this. Regular church giving has increased; many thanks to all who give.

Work on refurbishments is progressing and the downstairs is looking great. LED lights have been fitted downstairs, brightening the area and contributing to savings in energy costs. We have now received the Quinquennial inspection report which had no major surprises and are considering how to take repairs forward.

The draft church policies which were reviewed and updated at the last PCC meeting have now been approved. Thanks were expressed to the Ops Committee for their work on the policies, to Gabrielle Chambers for proof-reading and to all who reviewed and commented.

Tim expressed thanks to everyone who helped during his sabbatical, particularly to the wardens and staff team for keeping the church moving forward during the last few months. This term we'll be focussing on 'resetting' and prioritising prayer. We'll be looking at the whole story of Scripture on Sunday mornings. There have been a number of recent staff changes of neighbouring clergy. Tim has met with the new Head of St Andrews School, Grant Swarbrooke.

On 15<sup>th</sup> September we enjoyed our annual church away day at Batheaston Village Hall. This was a great time of prayer workshops and sharing encouraging personal stories as well as bouncy castles and cake. Many thanks to everyone who helped make the day happen.