

## **PCC Report**

### **AGM October 2020**

Since the last AGM The PCC met monthly - 11 times face to face until March 2020 which coincided with Nigel's departure and lockdown and 8 times by Zoom May onwards.

Rosie took the minutes up to March 2020, since then they have been taken by Andrew Giles and Jackie Wiggins and Sue Morgan.

So what have we been discussing. Well from May 2019 to the end of last year it was "normal" business and we discussed investing in Environmentally friendly toilet paper at our first meeting and also our initiative with Plastic Free Windsor. There was a lot of discussion about Safeguarding Policy in general. Most importantly we had the joy of being able to finalise an arrangement with Carolyn Carter to assist with ministering to our church, particularly families and young people. Other things we discussed were the very high profile Night Shelter for the homeless for 2020 and a diocesan grant to assist with this, and the Parish Inspection by the deanery which involved finding a ton of paperwork, plus more mundane things like filling holiday gaps to run the café and planning Remembrance Sunday

From January to March 2020 we were planning for the Interregnum. There was a lot of fantastic work went in to providing a superb parish profile – only problem is half the things aren't happening at the moment and we've had to prepare a very much altered version since the pandemic. We met Rhodri Bown the Parish Development Advisor who you may have met at our conference and is supervising the first stage of our recruitment. And Michael and Jacki produced a master spreadsheet in excel for managing the services

During Phase 1 of the Lockdown, the PCC's first concern was the welfare of all 200+ of us (adults and children) , individually and in zones, including the non-internet. We set up various dial in services which lasted only a couple of months and got DVDs of the services. Plus we had our prayer hub. For the more IT savy there was our church what's app group and our online YouTube services of course. Then we got into Zoom tea and coffee, bible studies. The Young People had an array of options from YouTube action with God and Play, online material and Zoom meetings

When things began to open up in July there was an impassioned debate about opening up the church for private prayer, we only had one person in the end. Meanwhile there was lengthy discussions about opening up the church for 9:30 services and then for the 10:45 screenings of services and special activities like the prayer space and the zone service. The Youth were way ahead of us and able to have a socially distanced garden celebration with United Breaks Out New Wine weekend but we still had to recognise the feelings of those needing to shield.

So we now the PCC in the last 3 months have a strange mixture of decisions to make on normal life and Covid restrictions. So for July we had to do an enormous amount of work preparing for the conference with Rhodri Bowen, many of you either came or filled out a questionnaire. With people getting out and about we decided to redo the zones but all the time the diocese kept sending us missives on changing Covid regulations. We've had to cope

in September with two burglaries – a brilliant response from All Saints to this – make decisions on parish share amidst rising costs and falling income and plan a new sustainable wave of services until Christmas and beyond for both the 9:30 and 10:45.

I think the PCC has coped extremely well with everything thrown at us in the last 18 months and am very confident with the existing and new people we will make some equally great decisions going forward

Numbers Andrew Giles

Sunday worshippers were around 130 on average in 2018 which was Louise's last year. In 2019 which was Nigel's only full year I reported 125 to the diocese although a feature of this was that we did not have the transient people popping in out as in previous years, almost 100% of those attending were regulars. We got about 40 -50 to the 9:30 service and 75 -85 to the 10:45 and before the lockdown we were regularly getting 50 + people to the Wednesday services,

During lockdown we were regularly getting 150 – 200+ people watching the single YouTube service, once churches opened up again the numbers dropped a bit but we are still getting a good 80+ watching the YouTube service, this is in addition to 35 or so we are getting physically attending our first service.