

PCC Report.

The PCC consists of - Sue Morgan (Church Warden) Ken Kilner (Church Warden) Paul Watkins (Treasurer) Mike Brooks, Michael Bourne, Mary Finler, David Flanagan, Malcolm Lock, Loice Mamdizuden, Penny Roche, Jackie Sadler, John Sturgeon, Angela West, Jackie Wiggins. Andrew Giles is secretary and is co-opted to the PCC. Peter and Ruth Norris are members of the Deanery Synod and provide the Deanery report.

Since the last APCM the PCC has met - 9 times -

11th November
17th November
9th December
13th January
10th February
3rd March
17th March
14th April
12th May

All meetings have been conducted via zoom.

The meetings all follow a similar format with reports from Church Warden, Safeguarding lead, Schools Team, Ministry Team, Deanery update, Finance and Hub report.

Since the last AGM the main topics of discussion (aside from regular reports) have been -

The recruiting of our new vicar - Rev Paul Walker. We have discussed the parish profile (Rev Ainsley Swift commented on how fantastic this was), We considered our vicar specification. Taking consideration about what we believed was the right candidate for the role at All Saints. We selected our parish representatives - (Paul Watkins and John Sturgeon) who would work with Steven Pullen and Ainsley Swift in the recruitment process - reading applications and interviewing the candidates. We gave great consideration to the interview process and relevant questions. And it has to be said that all our hard work has paid off with the selection of Rev Paul Walker who will be joining us very soon.

We have discussed how we can be more mindful in our being an **Eco-Friendly church**. You will be hearing more about this in the coming months, but it is our determination that we should be more mindful in our approach and be an example to the community in how we care for Gods world. We have considered several elements of our church life and we intend making changes for the greater good of our community. In fact tomorrow myself and Peter Norris are meeting with a Church of England representative to under take an energy audit to see how we can consider our energy usage and what if any changes can be made.

We have discussed our **technology for church services** and how we remain connected to our congregation through these difficult times. We want to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to be involved in our services and we are indeed blessed to have several very talented people who have enabled our ability to achieve this. However, we do this on the

graciousness of their willingness to utilise their own equipment. So we are now discussing how we as a church step forward out of Covid and continue to engage with our congregation/community in a way that ensures we deliver our message to as many people as possible and keep up to date with our own technology.

With this in mind, and the acknowledgement that we are now more reliant on technical media we have unfortunately seen a drop in our church donations. So another element we are discussing is how we can grow peoples ability to donate to the church through different means - examples being **contactless giving and the Parish Giving Scheme**. We are also proposing to run a Generous Giving campaign to highlight the need to increase church funds to ensure we become as financially buoyant as possible.

We have discussed our profile on **social media** setting high standards. Ensuring that we aren't only talking to you on a Sunday morning but that you are having daily updates and reminders that you are part of All Saints Church, Gods church. Giving you the ability to contact each other using Facebook and Whatsapp reaching out to each other in faith knowing you are not alone. All Saints is at your finger tips!!

We have discussed the **security** of our church. You will be well aware that we have had a couple of burglaries prior to Christmas and we have endeavoured to ensure this does not happen again. We have had overwhelming support from the wider community in relation to these incidents, who took acceptance to this happening to what they regard as 'their church'.

These are just a selection of the topics we have discussed in these past 7 months. But in truth we meet to ensure decisions are being made so that we can grow All Saints in God's plan.