

## **News from the PCC**

The PCC met on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Here's a summary of the main issues they covered.

### **1. Ministry matters**

Gaynor is eager to offer a range of opportunities for different forms of worship during Lent and Easter, to cover all four churches in the Grosmont Group, as well as joining with churches the wider Ministry area. Watch the website for service details.

Home visiting – please let Gaynor or a member of the PCC know if you are aware of anyone who would welcome a home visit or home Communion

### **2. Accessible path**

Following the award of a grant from the Community Green Energy Group the PCC approved the final plans to proceed with the Easy Access Pathway. Timetable to be confirmed with contractors – watch this space for further updates.

### **3. Food hygiene training**

Mike is drawing up plans to arrange training for everyone involved in preparing food for church events – he will be in touch once plans are in place.

### **4. Vestry tidy up**

Helena has kindly volunteered to organise a work party to tidy up the vestry and clear out some of the accumulated clutter. Volunteers very welcome!

### **5. Treasurer's report**

Michael reported that the overall finances for the year to 31 December are in good shape and show a surplus for the year. Louise is preparing the final accounts for audit and presentation at the Easter Vestry

We do have a number of items which will require capital expenditure, including maintenance and repairs to the building and potentially investment in items such as a new PA system. The PCC plans to discuss fundraising at a future meeting. Any ideas for fundraising events will be gratefully received please do tell any member of the PCC if you have some ideas and/or would like to help!

Michael has now retired from his post as Treasurer and Louise has taken over. The PCC thanked Michael for his hard work and leadership. We are especially grateful that he leaves the finances in such good shape.

### **6. Wardens' report**

The wardens have reviewed the Quinquennial report on the fabric of the church building prepared by the Church architect. There are a number of items requiring attention; some we can do ourselves whilst others will require specialist contractors. Mark will take this forward.

## 7. Safeguarding

We are a 'Safe from Harm' Benefice and operate within the current legislative framework and guidance and Church in Wales policies and procedures relating to the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults. The PCC takes safeguarding extremely seriously and is in the process of renewing DBS checks and training for people involved in relevant roles.

## 8. Mission and Vision discussion

The PCC is considering what our mission and vision are. Gaynor raised a series of questions:

- A. What would the village miss if the church was not here?
- B. What would church attenders miss if the church was not here?
- C. What is God's vision for his church in this place / what impact do we want from the church to the community?
- D. How are we going to achieve this / what is our mission statement?
- E. Where do we want to be in five years time?
- F. Why do we think people don't come to church?
- G. How might that be changed?

PCC members are reflecting on these and will discuss at the next meeting. If you have any thoughts on this we'd love to hear from you! Please speak to Gaynor or a member of the PCC

## 9. Dates for next meeting and Easter Vestry

Next PCC meeting: Thursday 12 April 7pm at Trevyr

Easter Vestry: Thursday 26 April 7.30 pm. The Easter Vestry is our Annual General Meeting and everyone who would like to hear what we are doing is warmly invited. The venue will be the Vestry or Town Hall – watch this space for confirmation.