

## Highlights of the PCC Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024, chaired by the Vicar.

1. **Terms of reference:** Work is still needed on the Wider Concerns Committee and the Environment Group, but good progress has been made.
2. **Livestreaming:** New equipment will be installed in the week of 11-18 November and following training for those involved should be running by Christmas.
3. **Health and Safety Policy:** Now in the final stages of preparation and will be posted in the south porch and on Churchsuite.
4. **Emergency Procedures:** This includes evacuation procedures for services and eventually for other eventualities. Staff are being briefed. Following the Southport stabbings the Diocese has issued guidelines for procedures in case of a terrorist attack. These will be considered by the group working on these matters.
5. **Safeguarding:** the Policy has been updated with the addition of new staff. The Action Plan was approved and adopted.
6. **Reports from sub-committees:**
  - **Finance and Fabric (F&F):** to make the work of the Finance Manager and the operations team easier some adjustments to the figures needing PCC approval were agreed. Unexpected expenditure would be considered by the Treasurer and depending on the amount would go to the PCC for approval.
  - **Environment Group:** the Vicar thanked the group for their sterling work.
  - **Wider Concerns Committee:** the Vicar expressed appreciation for the generosity of the congregation in response to recent appeals.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** not many people had signed up for the Parish Giving Scheme. Regular congregational giving was only slightly up on last year, and a forthcoming Stewardship Campaign will seek to address this. More publicity for the card machine is needed.
8. **Director of Operations Report:**
  - New fire alarms will be installed in Michaelhouse w/b October 21<sup>st</sup>. Scaffolding will be needed on the Wednesday, but disruption will be kept to a minimum.
  - A replacement for the Vicar's PA (p/t) is being sought.
  - Marianne Hirtzel will be Acting Operations Director and will be supported by a new f/t Assistant.
9. **Children's and Youth ministry Report:**

A request for £500 towards new toys was approved. More volunteers are needed for this important work.

*Note: since the PCC meeting Adel Regan has resigned because of unforeseen personal circumstances.*

#### **10. Clergy Report:**

- The recent advertisement for a new Director of operations had not yielded sufficient applicants, so the post will be readvertised with a closing date of October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- As the University church and a partner in the Greater Cambridge Churches Partnership, GSM is involved in the consultation process for Eddington.
- The Festival of Preaching was a great success, and the front of house staff were thanked for their hard work in ensuring its smooth running.

#### **11. Director of Music's (DoM) Report:**

- The University organ requires repairs, to be paid for by the University. The work will necessitate restricted access to the tower, thus impacting on income. Negotiations on this are underway and a formal report will be prepared for the next PCC meeting.
- The DoM reported that the parish organ is also in need of repair. This is likely to involve fundraising.

#### **12. Discussion Item on the Mission of GSM:**

Discussion centred around 3 questions: Whom are we called to serve? Whom are we serving well? Whom are we missing? Groups fed back in writing to the Vicar who is collating these responses, which will be used as a starting point for the PCC Awayday on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **13. Michaelhouse:**

- The Friends are financing the Michaelhouse singers and are proposing to make a donation toward the Quinquennial review work possibly the Chancel lighting.
- 2024 is the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Michaelhouse and will be celebrated in a special evensong and tea party.

#### **14. Any Other Business:**

The Vicar thanked Ginny Denmead for her valuable contribution to the PCC. She has to step down because she is embarking on her English degree course at Oxford.

15. **Future dates** were noted as follows: PCC meetings on 14 November 2024, 27 January and 2 April 2025, PCC Awayday on January 11<sup>th</sup> 2025, APCM on 18 May 2025.