

A Report from the PCC meeting held on 7 June 2022

The Revd Canon Deb Smith held the chair, and seventeen members of the PCC were in attendance.

The matters arising from the PCC meeting on 25 April were addressed:

- Research into introducing a shared online repository for all parish documents will be undertaken by a small group, thus freeing up any storage on personal computers and avoiding the use of out-of-date material or duplication.
- The Fabric Sub-Committee are to combine their templates and share documents across the churches.
- This year's formal count for our Fairer Share Calculation was held during May. The assessment of the parish profile and the number of worshippers in attendance will be submitted online to the diocese once collated and agreed by the Standing Committee.

The **PCC Standing Committee** was appointed for the year 2022/2023. The four named PCC are: Peter Carnell, Graham Purse, Tyrone Trower and Bridget Trump.

Following a casual vacancy on the PCC, Caroline Cooke was elected to serve as a member for a three-year term.

The Team Rector reported back on the experience of the PCC's recent Away-day. A **Vision Sub-Committee** (of 9 PCC members) has been set up to review the outcome and plan how the PCC and parish will be developed in light of our discussions.

The **Archdeacon's Visitation** to appoint local churchwardens for the year will be held in St Mary's Church, Bridport on 14 June at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Maggie Crosbie, our ordinand, will be ordained deacon on Sunday 3 July at 10:30am in Salisbury Cathedral. All welcome. The PCC voted to present her with a monetary gift from her 'supporting parish'.

Lorna Johnson's licensing as an Associate Priest (signifying the end of her curacy) will be held in the parish later this year, and the date will be announced.

Safeguarding. The Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) is offering training sessions for all PCC members and all other volunteers to attend. Dates available and to register, contact the parish office. (SG training is required every 3 years for all roles.)

Membership of the Parish Sub-Committees were noted, and their reports covered:

- **Communications:** the advert of the vacancy for another administrator has attracted interest and interview will be held shortly.
- **Finance:** the 3-month budget was discussed; figures are broadly in line with predictions.
- The PCC will be discussing a system to introduce formal Planned Giving as a parish.
- **Fabric:** Heather Purse is taking on the chair-ship of the group. The next meeting is set for 4pm on 30 June @ HTBOT. Fabric Sub-Committee members will be notified.

- **Governance: The local church sub-committees** were appointed for this year, continuing the pattern of x2 PCC members and x2 non-PCC members as the core members of the sub-committee. They are:

Allington Sub-Committee

Jo George
Caroline Cooke
Rose Harvey
Elwyn Walker

Bridport & West Bay Sub-Committee:

Lesley Hill
Rosemary Russell
Sue Pollock
Steve Bartlett

Bothenhampton Sub-Committee

Heather Purse
Graham Purse
Barbara Ffooks
Diana Perry

Bradpole Sub-Committee

Peter Carnell
Paul Groom
Susan Solomon
Ginny Bowley

Walditch Sub-Committee

Sue Wellman-Herold
James Craddock
Sally Brown
Chris Wellman-Herold

The PCC agreed to continue with the same delegation and to record notes of sub-committee meetings on the agreed template and to restrict the discussions to these areas:

The Team Rector and PCC delegate temporary oversight of the following areas of responsibility:

- *Day to day care of the church building and churchyard.*
- *Facilitation and practical preparation for services and occasional offices.*
- *Organisation and management of welcome groups and pastoral care at a local level.*
- *Maintaining and developing the social aspect of the life of the church.*

If these conditions are met, then the local church sub-committees are authorized to provide verbal or written feedback to the local congregation regarding discussions and decisions made about their areas of responsibility as they see fit. Confidential information will not be included. Feedback from other sub-committees (Finance, Fabric, Mission & Pastoral and the Communications Group) may be included following a directive from the chair of the sub-committees concerned.

Clarification was given on two areas:

1. The sub-committee meetings are open to all, but the four core members will be at every meeting. It is not the intention to revert to the outdated DCC model, and many meetings will be for discussion about single-agenda items only.
2. Formal titles of 'Treasurer' and 'Secretary' do not apply to the 4 members of the sub-committee, as a record of 'notes' is all that is required, not 'minutes'. Consultation with the local treasurer may be required prior to a meeting if activities delegated requires some funding (e.g. a coffee morning needs supplies). Notes will be submitted to the PCC following each meeting.

- Reports from the **Mission and Pastoral Sub-Committee** and the **Community Hub** were postponed until the next meeting.

Ends.

Bridget Trump, PCC Secretary