

A Report from the meeting of the PCC held on 6 September 2022

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

Previous meeting -

The draft minutes from the meetings held on 26 July were accepted as a true record with one amendment. HTBRA had not intended to distance themselves from the idea of an agreed parish giving plan but wished to retain some independence for the future.

DS thanked those who have returned the information regarding Charitable Planned Giving and the nominations for Chalice Assistants. The dates for the Lay Training days will be published and following attendance at these sessions those nominated will be approved by the Rector and PCC.

Safeguarding – there was no written report, but a rolling programme of SG training and DBS compliance is being recorded and adhered to.

Health and Safety – An update of the workload had been submitted by the Parish Health and Safety Officer and he was thanked for all that he is doing. All local church sub-committees will invite him to meet with them in situ.

The Team Rector's report -

- a) The Rector has invited members of the clergy team and PCC to a drinks reception to thank them for their time, commitment and service to the parish.
- b) A small number of members of the laity have been reflecting on their own vocations and seek to explore the training options. The PCC endorsed this next move for them.
- c) The After-school club begins on 14 September at St Mary's School.
- d) SSALL are holding a further Open Day to seek the support and visionary ideas from the wider community.

Agenda items:

1. The Rector introduced the Vision Sub-Committee's progress following the away days we've attended this summer. Parts of the PowerPoint presentation were shown, and the two projects were outlined in more detail. These were:

The **Parish Consultation** meetings and then the plans for observing **Advent as preparation for Christmas**.

The timetable for the consultations has now been published and folk are invited to attend whichever date suits them best. The final session will be a round-up and will take a more parish-wide approach to the questions we have been discussing. Everyone has a contribution to make and we are all encouraged to take up this opportunity.

Monday 3 Oct at 3pm at St John's, West Bay

Tuesday 4 Oct at 3pm at Holy Trinity, Bothenhampton

Wednesday 5 Oct at 3pm at St Swithun's, Allington

Wednesday 5 Oct at 7pm at St Mary's, Bridport

Thursday 6 Oct at 11am at St Mary's, Walditch

Thursday 6 Oct at 3pm at Holy Trinity, Bradpole

Sunday 23 Oct at 4pm at St Swithun's Hall

Further work is needed to fine tune the activities and discussion questions for these sessions but the PCC agreed that the process is the way to follow up our own discussions by widely consulting across the parish. All comments will be addressed as we seek to discern our service as the body of Christ in this place.

One aspect of growing our discipleship is Worship. The outline plans for how we will prepare for Christmas as a parish were explored and explained and following the consultation meetings these will be planned in detail.

2. Janet Shaw the Parish Treasurer presented the updated Authorisation Flowchart for Expenditure, which was adopted by the PCC for all expenditure across the parish with immediate effect.

Additional notices or business:

- i. The action required by the local church sub-committees following a PCC meeting is now being monitored. Each group is expected to follow the decisions made the PCC.
- ii. On **Tuesday 4 October** the Revd Philip will celebrate 30 years in the priesthood and a celebratory service will be held in SJWES at 7:30pm. All welcome.
- iii. On **Sunday 9 October** the parish service will be at 10am in SMBRI for the licensing of the Revd Lorna. Bishop Karen will be presiding.
- iv. **Sunday 16 October** is Hospital Sunday and the Revd Jean Saddington has been invited to preach.

The next meeting of the PCC will be held on 11 October 2022.

Ends.

Bridget Trump, PCC Secretary