

## **PCC MEETING 7 NOVEMBER 2011 – FEEDBACK**

At the PCC Meeting on 7 November, we welcomed our new Rector, Revd David Williamson, and the following key points were discussed. The next PCC meeting will be held on 5 December and a further report will be made on completion

Youth and Children's Work: Emma Kendall and Wendi Davis had written an update report for the meeting and Wendi highlighted the key points. Five youth leaders have attended Diocesan training workshops, the costs being sponsored by a church member. The Christmas shopping morning raised £50 for the Children's Society and £83 for Children's and Youth Work. 50 babies, children and young people attended a fireworks party at the Heselton's garden on Sunday 6 Nov, which was organised and run by Wendi and Martin Davis. There is still a need for more volunteers for youth work. The new name for CYPECS is going to be "The King's Kids" and the new name for Youth Work is "Unlimited". Plans for the Children's and Youth Work Vision day on 22 January are progressing well, with a set of key questions raised to stimulate discussion. For details contact Emma or Wendi. The PCC also voted to co-opt Emma on to the PCC in light of her role with the youth work.

Revd David's Licensing: The Diocese has received an offer on the sale of the rectory at Compton Road and has also made an offer on a house at Naisholt Road, as a replacement rectory. David commented that this had happened very quickly and felt God's hand in this very significant move forward, and the PCC gave thanks. Plans are going well for the Licensing with the Bishop of Taunton on 1 December at 7pm in church. Formal invitations are being printed and will be posted soon to guests of the church and David. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Church Finances: Mark Williams, our Treasurer, gave a summary of income and expenditure, an update on the work to clarify the various funds and where we stand with payments of the Parish Share – we have just paid August's. The F&GP had met on 20 October and Branden highlighted a few points. It appears some people have left the church, but are still nominally on the electoral roll – this will be investigated for next year. The PCC decided to hold the David Goode fundraising concert in the church on 18 February 2012, with the Worship and Music Focus Group leading on the organisation. In light of our current finances, the PCC have agreed to cash in about £8000 from the Margaret Dyke fund from War stock and Charifunds. Following much discussion and review, Branden proposed balance figures for the PCC restricted funds, which were accepted unanimously by the PCC.

Branden reported that the 5 members of the International Development Team have sponsored the annual mission giving donations to high and medium priority charity groups on behalf of the church. This very generous act was gratefully received by the PCC. Mission giving for UK and local charities will be reviewed in Feb / March subject to church finances.

Church charges, fees and allowances were reviewed and figures agreed for 2012, generally along the lines of a 5% increase.

The Planned Giving Campaign is moving along at a steady pace, but many members of the church have yet to reply to Brian Archibald, our Planned Giving co-ordinator, with their responses. If you have not yet replied, please do so.

Away Day: David proposed holding an away day next Spring, “Dreaming the Dreams” in order to establish our Vision and Values for our church in the future. This will be held in Street, where David can show us the successful re-ordering of the church there, as an example of what can be done. A Friday evening meal / fellowship evening is planned, followed by facilitated discussions on the Saturday. Dates are being investigated in March. Until then, David explained that decisions on logos and the votive stand would follow once we knew where God was leading us as a church.

Churchwardens Corner: On behalf of the PCC, Branden thanked Alan Ecroyd for organising and running the church clean on 22 Oct, which had been a great success. Thanks also to all those who helped with the refreshments and with the cleaning. The bells tenor wheel had been repaired by Whites of Appleton and the clock chimes will be re-instated on 15 November by Smiths of Derby. Don’t forget to look at the notice board at the back of church to see the LONGCAST giving key events coming up in the church’s calendar. This is being updated regularly.

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