

Summary of Minutes of St Peter's Church PCC - Tuesday 16th July 2024

The Minutes of the PCC Meeting on 18th June were approved.

Matters Arising

Chris Lintott has now agreed to be Chair of the Finance Committee and a meeting was held last week.

10.30 Congregational Group – the first meeting has now taken place led by Fran and has proved very encouraging. The next one is scheduled for 13th August.

Any Other Business

Safeguarding - Are people were aware of their appearing on live stream service broadcasts? Warning signs to be put up at both entrances and notices in News 46. The Safeguarding Policy was reviewed and updated.

Treasurer's Report - There is a fall in giving, affecting cashflow. We still do not have a Giving Officer to fill the vacancy left by Henrik. Welcome packs are now available for newcomers to the Church, which could be an ideal means and opportunity to incorporate sensitive discussions about giving.

HR Committee - A first draft of a formal Pay Policy has now been produced and the PCC has approved delegating the next stage to the Standing Committee.

Creation Care - A Friends of the Churchyard will be created to build relationships with the community.

Information and Update Items

1. Pastoral Care - A Summit Meeting is planned for Thursday to produce a coherent and integrated system for Home Groups.
2. Office Staffing - The dynamics of the previous plan to match staff with vacancies has now changed so the job descriptions will have to be revisited. This therefore has now been passed to the Standing Committee, with the agreement of the PCC.
3. Building Update – The accessible toilet has now been completed with the possibility of excess funds. It was proposed that the priority is improving the access for wheelchair users at the west entrance by having new button operated doors.
4. There is a requirement for the ladies' toilet to be refurbished.
5. Clergy Rest – It was stressed how committed the clergy are at St Peter's and that they deserve their day off! For Ranjan it is Monday and for Fran and Tim, it is Friday. Everyone is asked to respect this.
6. Sabbatical – A comprehensive plan is in place to cover Tim's absence, leaving Ranjan and Fran in charge, along with the Wardens. It is requested that every effort should be made not to overburden them, as they are non-stipendiary and offer their services voluntarily, as do the Wardens, who will be supporting them.
7. Car Park Safety – barriers have now been erected.

Next meeting: 17th September