

## Summary of Minutes of St Peter's Church PCC – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024

The Minutes of the PCC Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> July were approved.

### Matters Arising

Energy Footprint Tool - an application for a grant of has been made to the Diocese.

Wheelchair access to lobby of accessible toilet – a price has now been obtained for this work, which will be implemented next year. The cost will be covered by excess funds from the Accessible Toilet project.

### Any Other Business

**Hearing Champions** - This free service is run regularly in the church by volunteers and offers basic maintenance of hearing aids. People from surrounding areas make use of it and it is seen as an outreach activity. There is however a need to check security of access.

**Chairs with Arms** - A need for more has been highlighted and research into sourcing and cost will be carried out.

**Wheelchair Exit from Oasis via Fire Doors** - A permanent ramp is not feasible due to lack of space at the rear of the building, so a temporary ramp is being considered.

**Hardship Fund** - The possibility of helping people who have been badly impacted by the loss of the winter heating allowance is being considered.

**Finance Report** - Despite the continued fall in giving, recent savings on staff costs has helped cashflow. The budgets for next year will be produced for the PCC meeting in October. There are some excess funds from the Year of Reaching Out and these will be used to support Who Let the Dads Out.

**Business Report** – The barriers in Discoveries' car park have been effective, but are on loan so will eventually be replaced by more easily moveable wooden ones.

**Creation Care** - We now have a small team of volunteers who help to keep the churchyard tidy within the set boundaries of responsibility. There will be a 5 year check on memorial safety by the council in October, plus a general risk assessment. There are strict rules governing new memorials and further information on this will be published in due course.

**Mission Committee** – There will be a Mission Sunday at the beginning of November which will feature Open Doors.

**9.00am/10.30am Congregational Groups** - There is some concern at the current lack of volunteers to cover both services. Volunteers are greatly valued and the need to bring everyone together was highlighted to foster a spirit of belonging.