

Summary of Minutes of St Peter's Church PCC Tuesday 22nd October 2024

The Minutes of the PCC Meeting on 17th September were approved.

Matters Arising

1. Energy Footprint Tool - We had a visit from a Creation Care Auditor on the 16th October, but are still waiting for their report.
2. Wheelchair access to lobby - The PCC have agreed that this work can go ahead.
3. Hardship Fund - David Reed has produced a set of guidelines and has agreed to be the contact for applicants for this fund. This information has now been published in News 46.

Finance Report

The drop in giving has now levelled out, but there continues to be pressure on cashflow. The Treasurer stressed the need for continued restrictions on capital expenditure. Easy Fundraising was suggested as a means to gain commission from online shopping leading up to Christmas. This idea has now been circulated around the church via email. There was much discussion around the Draft Budget for 2025, which was agreed by the PCC.

Business Board

The more comfortable environment in the Café, thanks to the installation of air conditioning and donation of chairs by Cinnamon Bay, has helped profitability.

Gift aid donations in Discoveries has increased slightly and internet sales of more valuable items is being trialled, with encouraging results so far. The level of stock donation remains stable.

Fabric Committee

Concern was raised about the nest in the porch which has been causing an unpleasant mess at the entrance to the church. Action will be taken to resolve this.

Expenditure has been approved to replace netting round the bell tower, which had disintegrated, in order to prevent increased damage.

HR Committee

A definitive Pay Policy for St Peter's has now been finalised and approved by the PCC.

Standing Items

Cornerstone

Cornerstone is a counselling charity, which has been separate from the church since 2020. Since then there has been an agreement in place whereby the Parish Office has provided administration services. This is due to end at the end of the year and there are continuing discussions regarding a new agreement, beginning in January.

Schools and Families

An 'away' weekend is being planned for a small group of young people later next year, for which a budget is available. Extra funds may be available from Mother's Union and a Council Grant.

All who helped with the Harvest Family event were commended on its success.