

## Summary of Minutes of St Peter's Church PCC Meeting Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025

The Minutes of the PCC Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> November were approved.

Tim highlighted the encouraging news of increased attendance at church activities over recent weeks, which has meant we have been able to welcome some new families to our services.

### **Matters Arising**

**Preventing draft over the Lord's Table** - a blind will now be put in place to address this.

**Safeguarding** - members of the PCC were reminded of their obligation to complete appropriate training.

**Nest in church porch** - plastic anti bird spikes will be installed as a deterrent.

**Diary for 2025** - It will be another full calendar of church activities, some of which include a proposed visit by Bishop Pons in July. Philip, Bishop of Winchester will also be visiting us in October. A lot of interest has been shown in the forthcoming bereavement course and a special service is being planned for next Christmas for those who find this time of year difficult, for whatever reason.

**Church website** - there is now a new simpler domain called stpy.org and a new website is being planned.

**Friends of St Peter's Churchyard** – this group is now firmly established and it was decided it should be under the auspices of a PCC sub-committee with the vicar and wardens as ex officio members.

**Little Miracles** - sadly this has now had been put on hold due to lack of interest and thanks were expressed to Janet and her team for their great work over many years.

**Creation Care** - several unstable monuments have been identified in the churchyard and may have to be laid down. Efforts are being made to try and trace any descendants.

**Church Membership** - there has to be a total revision of the church electoral role by April, so it is essential all members and those who wish to be members of St Peter's, complete the relevant form and return it to the office or to the Electoral Role Officer (Joyce Fisher).

**Parish Financial Report** - the Church's finances are still under extreme pressure with accounts showing a deficit in funds, exacerbated by the continued drop in regular giving. A Giving Officer is being sought and anybody interested in this role is encouraged to speak to Tim.

The Budget for 2025 was approved and the PCC wants to register their grateful thanks to Chris Lintott and Sarah Quarterman for all their hard work in producing this.