



PCC Secretary's Annual Report 2020

The PCC Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month and have been held in Church up to March 2020. The PCC share refreshments then the meeting begins with prayer.

There are a number of standing items on the agenda:

- Attendance and Apologies
- Approval of minutes
- Matters Arising
- Financial Matters
- Health and Safety
- Safeguarding
- LYCiG (Leading Your Church into Growth)
- Correspondence
- Any Other Business

These items provide a structure that enables us to direct our thoughts and actions. We keep our knowledge up to date and ensure all necessary legal requirements are met in both Health and Safety and Safeguarding.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) was held in Church on the 7th April 2019 with the first meeting of 2019 being held on 8th April 2019.

The highlights from the year to share with you:

- Between May and August the Parish Centre was refurbished with the help of a generous grant from a local Lodge of Masons, the work being done by a team of volunteers led by Brian Gledhill and Rev Sharon. Grateful thanks were expressed to all those who had worked so hard. A reopening event had been held in September.
- In June we held our Family Fun Day which was a great success both in attendance and in monies raised. The weather had been lovely and 'Local Celeb' the lovely Billy Pearce opened the day for us.
- A number of fundraising events were held, in September the MacMillan Coffee Morning raised a fantastic £245, in October a Beetledrive had raised £170 which was sent to the Mothers Union. In December a small but tuneful group went carol singing at Country Baskets and raised £110 for Martin House Hospice. We held a Fair Trade Coffee Morning in February which due to coinciding with a local Councillor cleanup in the locality meant that a wide section of people attended which was really good and realised £130 which was sent to Water Aid.
- Social events included a fun film evening in November when the 80's classic 'The Goonies' was shown. This attracted some new friends to join us. In January we held a 'Burns Night' supper and Quiz with plenty of Haggis 'neeps and 'tatties' with monies raised going to the 'East Window' fund. One of the last events we held was a really successful 'Men's Sunday Lunch' for everyone but provided by some of our 'Church Chaps'. We were just finalising the March Open Day for the 14th when sadly the Covid 19 situation happened so this had to be cancelled.
- During the 2019/20 church year reviews of the Health and Safety Policy and Safeguarding Policy were undertaken. Both were updated, approved and adopted by the PCC including the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy Statement 'Promoting a safer church' and this ensures that we continue to meet all legal requirements. In addition we introduced a Volunteer Policy to ensure that we fully support our many volunteers, and we also adopted a Parish Environmental Policy.

With our Annual Parish Council Meeting happening 7 months later than usual because of the Covid situation, it is perhaps helpful to look back on a busy 2019/20 year full of the activities and fellowship of an active and friendly church and community. We put our trust in God that perhaps 2021 will see some of our many activities being held once again.

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