



## PCC Secretary's Annual Report 2021

PCC Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month. Due to the Covid Pandemic a meeting was not held in April 2020 but since then, monthly meetings have been held via Zoom an online video platform up to and including March 2021. The meetings always begin with prayer.

The impact of Covid restrictions limited much that we would normally deal with in a year, however, essential business continued with Financial Matters, Health and Safety and Safeguarding being discussed every month and other matters as they arose. The PCC continued to keep their knowledge up to date and ensured all necessary legal requirements were met in both Health and Safety and Safeguarding.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) delayed because of Covid restrictions, was held online, live streamed via Facebook on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020.

The key aspects covered by the PCC during 2020/21 were;

### **Worship**

Services moved to online only with Rev Sharon on a steep learning curve on how to live stream services. She discovered hidden talents in IT and streaming skills, sterlingly advised and supported by Tom Wilkinson, to whom we give sincere thanks. Services were live streamed throughout the periods of building closure, with much work going into service preparation including organising music, with grateful thanks to our Organist Jason. Also, service sheets were delivered to those who did not have IT access and a weekly newsheet was also distributed/emailed keeping church family upto date with developments.

Rev Sharon and the PCC have continued to work hard to provide our local and online community with a strong spiritual presence. Much creative thinking was done by Rev Sharon to ensure needs were met with online streamed Advent and Lent groups as well as a mix of streamed and live services during Advent and over Christmas. All were pleased with the positive response to the 'Prayer Bauble' Christmas Trees, and much positive feedback being received in relation to the 'Stable' , many thanks to Dave Townsend for its construction, which has proved a wonderful missional opportunity housing the nativity scene and recently an Easter garden.

### **Matters Arising**

Whilst most PCC business related to the key elements of finance and pastoral support, ongoing work/discussion took place on fabric issues too, particularly the East Window and the flat roof of the Parish Centre with grants being applied for and reports being obtained.

### **Financial Matters**

The lack of social events meant that finances were lower than they would have been. A number of sponsored events raised much needed sums as well as the congregation continuing to send collection/donations for the upkeep of the church. Treasurer Barbara Tate continued to monitor finances and recommend action. Whilst not covering our Parish Share we were at least able to send regular sums to the Diocese towards this.

### **Health and Safety**

The pandemic caused much work with the production of a specific Covid Risk Assessment which developed and grew as knowledge and Government guidance changed. Rev Sharon and the PCC worked hard to ensure the most up to date risk assessment was always adhered to, adopted and auctioned.

### **Safeguarding**

The PCC continued to keep their training and knowledge up to date in this key area and ensure all necessary legal requirements continue to be met.

Whilst the world and our community are a much different place than in 2019, much progress has been made since the spring of 2020. Whilst we have not yet been able to return to our more traditional activities and sharing fellowship we continue to share the love of God wherever we can, including ministering to new members who are joining us online and we thank God for His continued blessings to the worshipping community of St Mary's Woodkirk and the community we serve.