

## **Summary of PCC meeting 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Penny Russell has offered to photograph all the members of the PCC and display photos in the church, to ensure all are aware of who the PCC members are.

Luke Hawkins is taking over from Laurie Rickwood as Safeguarding lead in the church. Please do talk to Luke about any Safeguarding concerns.

There have been 2 meetings in church about the proposed initial re-ordering of the church building. A number of positive comments have been received and suggestions made, and James and the Churchwardens are available to listen and respond to any further comments. Work will continue to explore the proposed changes.

We have received two very generous legacies, and this money will be available for projects in accordance with our legacy policy and will not be used for ongoing costs.

We have received few applications for grants from the BWEI (Bishops Waltham Educational Institute) monies. More information re these grants is available on the Church website, Parish Council website or from Paul Emmerson on 01489 895079.

Paul has applied to the "Listed Places of Worship Scheme" to recover VAT from some of the building work which has been undertaken and this has been agreed.

There is a draft proposal from the Diocese that the Parish share will increase next year by 5% (£4986).

The Country Fayre on Saturday was a great success with large numbers attending. The final figure of money raised will be shared as soon as it is available. Thanks to all who contributed to the day.

The PCC resolved to accept a grant of £3,000 from the Church Buildings Council towards the repair of the clock (currently being repaired).

The vision for our church continues to be to "walk, talk, listen and eat" with others as Jesus did on the road to Emmaus.

Andy Davis has been appointed to St Barnabas Church in Swanmore on an interim basis for three years. He will be supported by three House for Duty posts and will be responsible for St Barnabas, Hambledon, Soberton, Newtown, Droxford, Exton and Meonstoke-w-Corhampton. He is likely to start early in 2024.