

Summary of PCC meeting held on 24th January 2024 held on Zoom

Safeguarding: Responsibility for the oversight of Safeguarding is being transferred to Luke Hawkins. All risk assessments of activities must now contain the names of all volunteers and participants. A succinct training matrix has been developed which will help to ensure that training require has been completed and DBS are up to date.

Correspondence: Concerns have been expressed about people arriving early for services and coming into church disturbing those already worshipping. James will add a reminder to the weekly email welcoming people into church and asking that they join the worship or remain quiet until the service taking place, finishes.

Finances: We have 5,000 leaflets to distribute to the community inviting financial contributions towards the upkeep of the church building and grounds.

Stewardship: Paul has prepared a note to go to all who contribute to the church either financially or with their time and skills, to thank them.

Children, Families and Young People: Kate has now been in role for three years and several groups have been established, including Garden Gang, Sunday Club, Table Talk.

Property: Our Church Architect is retiring and we agreed to appoint Simon Goddard to replace him. Work to repair the church roof will commence shortly.

Reimagining Church: The first pew has been removed. Pews are available to purchase for a donation, and will need to be collected as soon as they are removed due to a lack of storage space. As soon as the area is cleared it will be carpeted.

APCM: This will be held on April 28th at 4pm in the Church Hall. We are able to appoint 5 new PCC members at that meeting so need to think and pray about who could join us.

Paul Emmerson, Rosie Greenlees and Amanda Wollam will continue as reps on Deanery Synod. James and Rebecca Hunt and Amanda Wollam will continue as our reps on Diocesan Synod.

Diocese and Deanery: The licencing Service for Andy Davies, the incumbent for Swanmore and the churches to the west is on 19th February and is ticket only, and will be streamed on Facebook and in the Paterson Centre. A number of churches are still in vacancy. Tensions remain in the wider Church in relation to LGBTQ relationships. In our church we have much to be thankful for with more people coming to church, our daily Prayer meetings and weekly Connect groups.

Website: We are aware that that our website needs updating and have plans to move to Hub church which offers many advantages. We need to identify someone to support this.

WATSAN: We have a group of 20 going to Uganda in August, to support a water and sanitation project. A range of fundraising activities are planned to raise the £5000 required.