

PCC Digest March 2018

The PCC of St James met last Monday and this is a summary of the discussions and decisions.

Buildings & Fabric

- In response to the recent Fire Safety Risk Assessments we agreed to install safety lighting in the Upper Hall and the Church Centre; replace several doors in the Upper Hall with regulation fire doors; install regulation smoke alarms in the office and Church Centre, and clear the basement of all combustible materials. We are also working on all our fire protocols and procedures.
- It was noted that some high-level stonework has crumbled and fallen at the rear of the church building.
- We approved the replacement of the sink in the disabled toilet in the Church Centre and the fitting of new floor covering for health & safety reasons.
- The Building for the Kingdom working group reported that work has begun on writing an architect's brief for a feasibility study. Along side this work will begin on establishing a Business Case and Project Mandate as well as restructuring the working group to draw in additional skills. The annual meeting (APCM) on 29th April will have a significant focus on the project.

Finances

Paula Thomas presented her final report as PCC Treasurer, which showed a promising start to 2018, with giving slightly up and expenditure slightly down. The PCC approved the year end accounts for 2017 which had been independently examined and these will now be presented to the APCM for adoption.

Mission Action Plan

The PCC received the revised Mission Action Plan (MAP) and heard about work that has begun on devising a new strategy for small groups.

Additional Needs Policy

The PCC gave final approval to an Additional Needs Policy for adults & children. This document aims to ensure that those with additional needs who come to St James are cared for and enabled to participate appropriately.

Church Day Out

Plans are firming up for Saturday 9th June when we visit Latimer Minster. A 52-seater coach has been reserved and bookings will be taken on a first-come-first-served basis at a cost of £10 per person. Bursaries are available. The PCC agreed to cover the costs of using Latimer Minister for the day.

New Data Protection Law (GDPR)

The PCC heard that the government are due to bring in a new data protection law in May this year. St James will need to review how it gathers, stores and uses people's data, and in some cases make changes to comply with the new regulations. More information will follow soon.

The new PCC will next meet on 21st May.