

PCC Digest May 2018

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

Finances

The latest management accounts show that giving is slightly up and expenditure slightly down on what we expect at this time of year.

The PCC generously agreed to contribute £78,000 to the Diocese of Southwark Parish Support Fund for 2019 – an increase of £3,000 on this year, which exceeds the figure we have been asked for.

Safeguarding Policies

The PCC renewed its commitment to our two safeguarding policies – for children and vulnerable adults – and reappointed Judy Douglas and Stephanie Sulaiman as our Parish Safeguarding Officers.

New Data Protection Law (GDPR)

The PCC heard that preparations are being made to comply with the new data protection law (GDPR). New Privacy Notices and a Consent Form have been drafted and a new Welcome Card and Giving Envelope are in the process of being designed. Following advice from the Diocesan legal department the PCC agreed not to seek renewed consent from those whose data we already hold, on the basis that consent could reasonably be assumed when the data was originally collected. Consent will be requested for new members from this point on.

Small Group Strategy

Mark Pybus reported on the progress being made on a new Small Group strategy. This will include creating new groups with new leaders; providing on-going training for leaders; and linking small group material more closely with our Sunday sermons.

Next Agenda

Two major items for discussion at the next meeting will be the future shape of our **Youth Provision** as Furzedown Churches and reviewing our **Corporate Prayer** at St James.

The next meeting of the PCC will be on **9th July**. If you have any issues you would like to be considered for inclusion on the agenda please use the PCC Suggestion Box on the Information Desk or email the church office at admin_stjameschurch@btinternet.com