

Annual Report to the PCC from the Pastoral Care Team: November 2017

Team members:

Martin Fletcher, Margaret Kimmance, Sara Langley, Sarah Tourell, Adela Foddy, Meg Hill, Margaret Hicks, Lorelie Staines.

Frequency of meetings:

four times a year.

1. The team continues to oversee the provision from available resources of pastoral care for the Parish: identifying pastoral needs to the congregation and helping to resource the congregation in meeting those needs.
2. Team meetings begin with a review of the Parish Prayer List, and of people known to be in need of support.
3. Subjects of discussion have included:
 - supporting Lorelie as she completed the Pastoral Assistants Foundation Course and was authorised by Bishop Andrew on 15 July,
 - maintaining the most appropriate system for deployment of our Pastoral Assistants (where confidentiality is paramount),
 - developing the scope of bereavement follow-up visits such that people can at an appropriate time receive a personal invitation to join our services and events,
 - enabling the congregation to be pro-active in:
 - the mutual provision of pastoral care, and
 - working with other agencies in identifying and meeting pastoral needs in the wider community (which includes signposting).
4. We planned and delivered the 2017 Memorial Service on 5 November which was well attended and again seemed to be well received.