

## PCC Jottings

The PCC met on 17th November 2020 for the first time following the APCM. Leisa Thorne was welcomed to the PCC. Chris Collins was elected Treasurer. Lesley Close was elected PCC Secretary.

### Deanery Synod

- Leisa will attend the Deanery Synod meetings in a co-opted capacity and decide next year whether to stand for election as Deanery Synod rep.
- The Deanery Synod has agreed to support the Chaplain at Bath College Somer Valley Campus to pastor the young people and would be approaching all churches to contribute in the amount of about £2 per head per year. The PCC was unanimously in favour of contributing to this outreach post.

### Treasurer's Report

- The forecast for the year end is a relatively small deficit.
- The uncertainty this year, with nine months without hall bookings, was balanced in part by the fact that regular giving has kept us in good stead, savings on heating and lighting and the Government retention scheme.
- For next year the unknown factor is the parish share, which is the single largest item of expenditure.
- The PCC's decision to designate 10% of income for charitable and missionary purposes means that over the next month or so donations will be made to the charities which the church supports. At some point those charities will be reviewed.

### Renovations in the Church Hall

- Many thanks to the Church Hall Committee for taking down the internal cubicles in the toilets, making them unisex and redecorating them.
- There are plans to cut back the growth covering the patio and putting tables outside.
- Energy Audits audits are being sought to inform us how best to heat the church hall and what sort of flooring would work well.
- Quotes for different types of flooring are being invited.
- Internet provision for live streaming of the church service is being investigated.
- Grant funding for these renovations is being pursued.

## Chilcompton with Downside PCC

- The PCC agreed unanimously that the church hall will remain closed until the renovations are complete. The future use of the church hall will be the main topic of debate at its next meeting.

### **Advent and Christmas**

- The Parish Council is putting up a Christmas Tree in the village and it is hoped that the church will provide a nativity scene in the Village Hall car park, permission depending. We are all asked to pray for enough volunteers to help construct the nativity scene.
- Finding Jesus in Chilcompton involves painted pebbles of Jesus being hidden around the village and people are invited to search for them and take a photo of themselves with the pebble for the website.
- Comfort and Joy posters for the village will point people to the church website, where the most up to date information on Christmas services can be found. Given the uncertainty of what will be allowed at Christmas, resources have been put into this instead of Christmas Cards, the information in which would quickly become out of date.
- To help us focus on the light in these difficult times, advent candles have been ordered for each household on the mailing list.
- There are plans for a Christmas Tree outside the church this year.
- The Pattern of Services will depend upon regulations. It might be possible to stream the service on Christmas Day in church using a hotspot. If we are not allowed in the church buildings then there will be a 10.30am service on Zoom.

### **A Freezer to store frozen dinners during lockdown**

The PCC agreed to work with the Village Agent who will provide a freezer for the church hall to store frozen dinners during lockdown.

### **Streaming services and running the overhead in church**

Given the importance of communication at this time, funds were allocated for the purchase of a webcam, laptop and associated cables.

The next meeting of the PCC is on 19th January 2021.