

PCC Jottings - Tuesday 22nd September 2009

This was the first PCC meeting after the summer break. Esther's report was full of positives recalling the Deanery Service held at St Johns when 4 people were confirmed by Bishop Fiona. During the Summer break, the hall carpet had been professionally cleaned and the kitchen undergone a deep clean, and the comfortable chairs in the hall have been refurbished. She gave her thanks to everyone who had been involved in these tasks. The Church heating system is nearing completion and a return to Church worship will happen shortly. The Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 4th October and Bishop Fiona will visit on the 11th October. Individuals are enjoying the twice monthly Bible Course on Tuesday nights, and midweek groups, Family Tea, Dad Drop In, Tea and Toast and Messy Church have returned refreshed after the break. Lunch Club begins again in October.

Linda Van Peborgh has agreed to be our Prayer Champion and organise opportunities for gathered prayers. Tom has just begun a course to permit him to become a Licensed Lay Minister for Preaching (this parish only) and Tina is following the pathway towards becoming a Licensed Lay Evangelist (this parish only.) These marvellous developments resource and empower our laity to help lead worship in certain contexts. Kristin, our reader, needs to re-apply for her Reader License which expires every 3 years and is looking for our approval to support that. I am sure you will agree we greatly value her ministry and will encourage her to seek its renewal.

Leisa (Churchwarden) gave thanks to everyone who helped with the upkeep of the Church and Hall and also the Vergers to help at Funerals and Weddings.

There were no reports from Messy Church or Treasurer.

Parish Safeguarding Officer went through an email received from the Diocese regarding the duties of a PCC and the areas of responsibility, which are many. To ensure that we are up to date with protocols and policies and due diligence, each section will be looked at for relevance and compliance and reported back to the PCC over the coming meetings.

The school harvest festival is on Monday 5th October when the whole school will attend church.

Cleaning Rota – needs new volunteers. Please speak with Leisa Thorne if you could help.

Sarah Williams is exploring a potential viewing in the Church Hall of a film about climate change and nature.