

## A Report from the meeting of the PCC held on 23 April 2024

The Revd Canon Deb Smith held the chair, and sixteen members of the PCC were in attendance.

### Matters arising from the last PCC meeting (12 March 2024):

The appointment of a new Parish Safeguarding Officer is expected. We have offered the role to someone following receipt of her application and her interview was held earlier today (23<sup>rd</sup>). Once confirmed an announcement will be made.

The Pastoral Sub-Committee are arranging an open Tea Party for all those involved in visiting, whether formally or informally. It will be held on **Tuesday 28 May @ 4pm in SMBRI** for those who are interested.

### Team Rector's Report:

- Canon Deb welcomed Revd Cally to her first PCC meeting. She thanked everyone involved in the appointment process, the licensing service and all aspects of welcoming Rob and Cally to Bridport. Revd Cally holds a pioneering remit in addition to a parish element.
- This is the last PCC of the year and those whose term of office is coming to an end were thanked for their commitment to the parish, for giving their time and making the commitment.
- Particular thanks was extended to the churchwardens for taking on the role when Canon Deb was unwell, and the parish was short-staffed. They have gone above and beyond what is expected to provide support at a difficult time.
- Canon Deb acknowledged the willingness of the PCC to stand for election, and to represent others with enthusiasm.
- Lent/Easter - 52 people purchased the study book through the parish, and others separately. A good number of people made the journey of sharing conversations together.
- Holy Week offered the range of experiences, from quiet Complines to the fish & chips supper before the Easter Eve service. The variety of Easter services across the parish were well attended.

Safeguarding and Health & Safety. No reports were presented.

### APCM Arrangements:

- The election of 2 Deanery Synod representatives, 8 PCC members and up to 10 churchwardens will be held at the meetings after the 10am Parish Service on Sunday 19 May at HTBRA.
- The **Electoral Roll** is being revised in advance of the meeting and new members can be added before 7 May, or after 19 May.
- The **Annual Report and Financial Statement** will be displayed on each church notice board.
- The **Year in the Life of the Parish 2023** is being collated and will be available at the APCM.

### Sub-Committee items for discussion:

#### **Finance:**

- The PCC Treasurer spoke to the 2024 Budget review, which identifies a small deficit for the first quarter.
- An amendment to the last Open Report regarding 'HTBRA Friends' was agreed by the PCC. The report will now be changed to read: "HTBRA Friends group generously contribute to cover costs relating to building projects."
- A re-conditioned photocopier will be leased which will have the facility to fold and staple booklets, thus saving Di much valuable time.

#### **Fabric:**

- An update paper was presented on the buildings. Progress with restoring the electrics at SJWES is slowly moving; now waiting for the specification from the electrician.
- The external works at SSALL are currently out to tender. An open meeting will be held on 17 May @ 10.30am to discuss possible infra-red lighting and heating options. A faculty has been received for the installation of the defibrillator and List B permission for tree pruning. The PCC agreed to contribute £1000 towards the removal expenses of the grand piano.
- The repairs to the chyd wall at HTBRA have been completed, but not the SW window. The new lighting installation is nearing completion.

**Mission & Faith:**

Having received comments and suggestions from the local church sub-committees with regard to the diocesan priorities of ***Making Jesus Known***, the PCC identified which would be more appropriately tackled as a parish, rather than locally. The M&F Sub-Committee will be taking these ideas forward.

*The MJK grid is saved as **Bridport Parish Action Plan** and is available with this report.*

**Sub-Committee reports for information:****Communications:**

Three volunteers have received editorial training for the new website in addition to the technical support we have from a local IT professional. The website is primarily our outward looking face to the community, not an internal network, which is why the format is different to our old website. However, to achieve wide publicity for church events, all organizers are encouraged to email information, posters, photos etc. to this email address for the editors to pick up - [webmaster@parishofbridport.org](mailto:webmaster@parishofbridport.org)

**EcoChurch:**

Many people attended the Parish Green Day, which the organizers found encouraging. Canon Deb thanked all who were involved, with supported from across the parish.

**Notices:**

The Salisbury Diocesan Board of Education have appointed Clive Faircloth as a Foundation Governor at St Mary's School.

**The APCM** will be held following the **Parish Service at 10am @ HTBRA on 19 May 2024.**

**Date of next full PCC meeting:** 4 June 2024.

**Next Sub-Committee Meetings:**

The following meeting dates are for information. Any input that you may want to have can be sent to the Leader (whose names are all listed on each church notice board).

Communications	??
EcoChurch	4pm Tuesday 18 June in SMBRI
Fabric	??
Finance	??
Governance	<i>To be arranged when issue identified.</i>
Mission & Faith	4pm Wednesday 8 May in SMBRI
Pastoral	4pm Tuesday 28 May in SMBRI - Open Tea Party for Visitors
Bridport & West Bay	7pm Tuesday 30 April in SMBRI
Allington	4.30pm Tuesday 21 May – General 4.30pm Tuesday 11 June – Events & Fundraising.
Bradpole	??
Bothenhampton	??
Walditch	??

*Bridget Trump, PCC Secretary*

*2 May 2024.*