

**Fabric Management and oversight**

In 2023, the PCC Fabric committee comprised Nick Brown (Chair), Gareth Roberts-Davies (Facilities and Systems Manager) and Liz Welton and Ian Kay. The Committee now meets broadly monthly due to the volume of work, to review progress and to plan future works subject to approval by PCC. Roy Carr stood down earlier in the year and we are grateful for his diligence in serving the Church as a member of the Fabric Group.

Gareth reports to Helen Allen (Operations Manager), who receives all papers.

The fabric of the church buildings continues to remain in satisfactory condition. The Quinquennial architect has changed to James Phillips of APEC architects. Our previous architect had retired.

**Status of works on KPC buildings****i. Church**

- a) There are no new issues to report with regard to the Church building. Minor window repairs have been completed.
- b) The new boiler has been commissioned and is working satisfactorily. There is still some settling down of the heating controls required as we still have an outdated heating pipe distribution system. A major leak of the heating pipe system was repaired at the same time as boiler replacement.

**ii. Churchyard & Grounds**

A full tree survey was completed in 2021 and is the basis of a 3 year programme of maintenance for the trees throughout the Churchyard.

**iii. Guild House**

There were no issues of major significance or remedy required.

**iv. St. John's Hall**

- a) The Hall boiler has been replaced as it was condemned in its annual inspection. This had to be undertaken quickly so that continuity of use for the hall was maintained for its many uses.
- b) The hall floor continues to be problematic principally over the summer months. Despite further repair work to extend its life, this has not proved as effective as we had hoped. As reported last year, it is likely to require wholesale replacement in the next couple of years and certainly before the church interior is being renovated.
- c) The glazing and frames in the Hall were repaired, replaced and repainted.  
The lighting at the end of the path to the car park has been enhanced.

**v. Insurance**

Insurance renewal is in hand as we come to the end of our 3 year cover with Ecclesiastical.

The required notice having been given, a revised church electoral roll was compiled on 9 April 2024, in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

Details of the new electoral roll have been available via the Parish Office from 9 April until 24 April 2024.

The number on the new roll (April 2024) is 531. This is 1 less than as at the time of the APCM in May 2023.

During the intervening period of 12 months, there have been 12 additions and 13 deletions – 5 due to death and 8 to people moving away.

304 people on the new electoral roll (57 %) live in the parish and 227 people (43%) live outside the parish – a similar ratio to 2023.

Deanery Synod meets three times per year and, in 2023, discussions centred in:

### **Environmental Update**

Alex French said he and his team were seeking to encourage and support parishes in achieving the Church of England target of becoming Net Zero by 2030. He was looking for contacts in each parish, whether Parish Champions or someone who had an emotional response to the environmental crisis.

### **Transforming Church**

Nick Parker said it was not possible to appoint people to 4 Oversight areas at present but the issues were being resolved. David Morris had been appointed as the new People and Places Project Manager.

Rev Nick Parker accepted the post of Rector of St Alphege's Church and announced that he would step down as Area Dean. It was later decided to include the parish of Marston Green into Yardley & Solihull Deanery and the new incumbent would become Area Dean of Y&S.

### **Resourcing Ministry**

The main discussion for the October meeting was the issue of many parishes struggling to maintain a regular celebration of the eucharist. It was agreed to put forward a request to Diocesan Synod for a discussion at diocesan level with the Bishop.

### **Mission**

Continuing the programme to develop a common understanding of the Church's mission, the March meeting focused on the 3rd Mark of Mission, 'To respond to human need with loving service'. David Harrison introduced the topic with a review of the Church's activities to date followed by presentations from Debbie Ducille and Debbie Gurling on the topic of Anna Chaplaincy, which is directed towards older people.

Presentations on the 1<sup>st</sup> Mark of Mission, 'To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom' was the main discussion point of the June meeting with contributions from Steve Johnson, Suzette McGuire, Matt Vaughan and Caroline Mara, while Fred Rattley covered Community Regeneration for the 4<sup>th</sup> Mark of Mission (Transform) in October.

Julian Phillips

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