

**WHITEFRIARS CHURCH
SUMMARY¹ OF THE PCC MEETING
HELD ON 20 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7:30PM IN THE BRIDGE**

Vicar: (Vacancy)

**Wardens: Richard Holley
(Vacant)**

**Secretary: Melvyn Hunter
Treasurer: Ken Owst**

Present at the meeting were Hannah Barker, Rosie Benn, Matt Croxon, Steve Holman, Richard Holley, Melvyn Hunter, Ken Owst, Andrew Presland, Nisha Slater, Jeremy Smith and Celia Underwood.
Apologies were received from Ally Gibson and Lynda King.

Pecuniary interests were noted.

Safeguarding: there have been no safeguarding issues to report since the last meeting. There are currently four new DBS applications being processed and any outstanding training is either booked or currently underway.

GDPR: there has been no data breach since the last meeting.

Finances: the Treasurer had circulated his report and detailed statements. There has been a decrease in the planned giving. The proposed budget for 2024 indicates an expected deficit of £3,400. The PCC accepted the budget noting that the church had started previous years with worse prospects and money had been forthcoming.

General Synod Report: a summary document of the outcomes of the November General Synod and the LLF discussions had been circulated. A number of clergy are already stating their position with respect to this.

Contactless giving: although rejected in the past, it was agreed that we ask for the machine to be demonstrated after church one Sunday.

Welcomers/Hosts: the new school layout might cause potential security problems as the new main entrance is adjacent to the school and people in the hall cannot see others entering the school.

Prayer ministry was discussed and it was agreed that this would be made available again.

The Bishop has directed that PCCs may nominate a small number of people to assist at Holy Communion without the need to complete the (now ended) Diocesan training and that they can be issued with a five-year 'local' certificate. Those who assist who already hold a Bishop's Licence do not need a separate certificate.

Illuminate/LZ7 update: churches need to be preparing for an influx of youth and there will be a need for greater flexibility in styles of worship/service format to accommodate this. More leaders are needed to help with the event.

APCMs: it was agreed that the APCMs for 2024 would be held on 22 April in the school hall.

AOB: in support of prayer for the appointment of a new incumbent, there will be prayer time in the school library before Sunday service each week.

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 September were accepted with the addition of Jeremy Smith under Apologies.

Future meetings were confirmed as 15 January 2024 PCC, 19 February 2024 S&R and 22 April 2024 APCMs.

¹ A summary of the minutes is provided as some of the content cannot be shared more widely under GDPR restrictions. More detail can be provided by the PCC Secretary.