

PCC DIGEST – JULY 2017

St James' Church Council (PCC) met last Monday. Here are the headlines:

Finances

Paula Thomas, Treasurer, presented another very encouraging report. Income is above budget at this stage of the year, helped by some significant one-off donations. This is a cause for much thanksgiving. However, we cannot afford to become complacent as several families have recently moved away from St James and this is likely to have an impact on income for the remainder of the year.

Buildings

New tenants moved into our house at 171 Mitcham Lane in June and have settled well, despite a recent burglary. This means we will receive a settled rental income for the next twelve months.

The 'Building for the Kingdom' working group continues to meet monthly under the leadership of Mike White. It is hoped that the Options Appraisal will be completed in August and there are plans for a major presentation to PCC in September with the Archdeacon present, followed by a Sunday morning service in October to engage and update the congregation.

PCC Development Action Plan

A new communication strategy between PCC and congregation was agreed including inviting church members to submit suggestions for consideration for discussion at future PCC meetings.

Church Weekend Away

PCC approved a proposal that we plan for a Church Weekend Away in 2020 and work towards it by holding a Church Day Away in both 2018 and 2019. A working group will be set up to begin planning.

Fire Safety

PCC agreed to do more work on our Fire Safety procedures, working towards a fire drill on a Sunday in the autumn.

Next Meeting: 18th Sept. Please submit suggestions for agenda by 4th Sept.