

## PCC Digest July 2018

The PCC of St James met last Monday and this is a summary of the discussions and decisions.

### **Fire Safety**

We are still working on obtaining quotations to carry out the works recommended in the recent Fire Safety inspections to the hall and church.

### **Church Day Out**

The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and there is a clear momentum to continue with the agreed strategy of planning another day out in 2019 followed by a whole weekend away in 2020.

### **Building for the Kingdom**

The first draft of the Architect's Brief is complete and we are working towards producing a final version. This will enable us to commission a Feasibility Study for which a shortlist of architectural practices is being currently established. Meanwhile, the first stage in the process which will eventually lead to the Full Business Case, namely the Project Mandate, has been completed and sent to the diocese for approval and sign-off.

### **Small Group Strategy**

The new Small Group strategy will be launched on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July with encouragement for people to join a group in the autumn.

### **Finances**

The Treasurer presented a very positive report on the finances up to the end of May, with income slightly above budget and expenditure slightly below.

### **Future of Youth Provision**

Fiona Nzegwu gave a presentation to the PCC on the future of our joint youth provision with the other Furzedown Churches. This covered both the Youth Ministry (FCL) and the Youth Centre (FYC). The two trustee boards have identified two areas of disconnect in the current set up – between FYC and the Youth Ministry, and between the Youth Ministry and the churches. Various options are being explored to address this and it is hoped a decision on future direction will be made in the autumn.

### **Staffing**

Rob reported that a review has been carried out looking at the work undertaken by the church office. The outcome of the review could lead to some restructuring with implications for staffing. More conversations will be taking place over the summer with a decision being announced in the autumn.

The next meeting of the PCC will be on 24<sup>th</sup> September. If you have any issues you would like to be considered for inclusion on the agenda please use the PCC Suggestion Box on the Information Desk or email the church office at [admin\\_stjameschurch@btinternet.com](mailto:admin_stjameschurch@btinternet.com)