

PCC Digest December 2018

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

Fire Safety

Quotations to carry out the works recommended in the recent Fire Safety inspections to the hall and church are very high. We are therefore taking advice and reviewing the recommendations before implementing a plan.

Review of Corporate Prayer

A discussion about the future of corporate prayer held at the September PCC showed that there is agreement that we should continue holding a regular prayer meeting, but there was no consensus on day, time, regularity and format. Drawing on lessons from the recent Small Group re-launch, we will focus the next sermon and Small Group series on Corporate Prayer, canvass the church family on views and hold a special Sunday morning service at the end of March to give a taster of corporate prayer.

Church Day Out

The next Church Day Out will be on Saturday 8 June 2019 to Latimer Minster, and the Weekend Away will be 12-14 June 2020 to Ashburnham Place, Sussex. Publicity for both will begin in early 2019.

Future of Furzedown Youth Centre (FYC)

Geoff Vevers, Chair of FYC, was present at the meeting to inform a discussion regarding the future of FYC. The FYC Board are convinced that a different approach is required to meet the changed context for youth work, perhaps employing an Outreach Worker (Full Time) to lead a re-shaped model. Discussions are on-going and advice will be sought from other organisations working in the field before any decisions are made.

Finances

The Treasurer presented a positive report on the finances up to the end of October, with income slightly above budget and expenditure slightly below. The PCC also considered a draft budget for 2019 and will formally approve it at the January meeting after which it will be shared with the church family.

Deanery Syrian Refugee Project

Rob reported that Tooting Deanery is considering becoming involved in the government's scheme to resettle refugee families fleeing the war in Syria. This would involve a small financial commitment for deanery churches to underwrite housing costs for a 2 year period. The PCC agreed to lend its support to the tune of £100 per month.

The next meeting of the PCC will be on 21 January. 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