

PCC Digest May 2019

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

Evangelism Strategy

Following discussion at the last PCC meeting, Rob reported that work has begun on the implementation of the strategy, including regular enquirer's courses; introducing a prayer box at The Well; beginning a Prayer on the Streets ministry in Furzedown; introducing an 'Honest Questions' Zone at Messy Sundays, and running a sermon/small group series on evangelism in the autumn.

Finances

An encouraging report was received on finances so far this year. The PCC also agreed to contribute £78,417 to the diocese in 2020.

Corporate Prayer Strategy

Following the recent sermon series on prayer and the congregational questionnaire, the PCC agreed a plan to move the monthly prayer meeting to 6.30pm on the 3rd Sunday of each month and to trial the idea of turning the Sunday morning service into a giant prayer meeting a couple of times per year.

Youth Provision

Discussions are on-going in the Furzedown churches about the future shape of our youth provision, both the youth ministry under Furzedown Churches Ltd (FCL) and the youth outreach under Furzedown Youth Centre (FYC). Radical changes and developments are in the pipeline and more will be reported before the summer.

Fabric & Buildings

We are applying for the necessary permission from the diocese to install new AV screens in church, to be fully funded by an anonymous donation. Fire Safety works are almost complete and within budget. The Building for the Kingdom project is progressing and we are almost ready to commission a feasibility study.

Interim Children's Worker

The PCC adopted a proposal to create a one-year temporary post of 'Interim Children's Worker'. This post will be for 20 hours per week, beginning in September, and will cover much of the work done at present by our 'Time for God' placement worker Bethany, whose internship comes to an end in August.

The next meeting of the PCC will be on 15 July. 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