



Website Summary of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting 4 July 2016

Our meeting was preceded by a reading from Psalm 127 and prayers led by Revd Jeremy Fletcher.

The health and safety document had been updated and approved for 2016. Peter Mounstephen will continue to assist Chris Coulter with this but Clive Waddington will be the Warden representative for the PCC and Steve George will continue to advise.

Chris Coulter met with Robyn and Peter to discuss health and safety issues.

It was agreed and approved by the PCC that the virgers should not be asked to work at clerestory height to change bulbs. Those otherwise required to work at height would be asked to change the bulbs in the high ceiling in future.

Assistant Virger – The PCC were delighted to welcome George Oakes as Assistant Virger at the Minster and he was settling in well. He would need a period of orientation and supervision to familiarise with his new post.

Beverley Minster Shop

Jane reported a tougher year with overall sales being down in June but she hoped that over the summer sales would improve.

Youth and Children

The new committee met for the first time and welcomed Meg Choules and Colin Tatman.

It was reported that Youth Café was still under review but visits to secondary schools had been helpful in putting together some ideas to reshape its format in the near future.

Following a report that by the Beverley Advertiser about graffiti sprayed on the Beverley flyover and the lack of activities for youth in the area Emily has written outlining what we do at Beverley Minster to:

- Combat the idea that there is nothing for young people to do in Beverley.
- To advertise the provision we make for young people.

Emily reported that a project was underway to try and bring representatives from churches in the Beverley area together to share and coordinate joint ideas and events.

Finance

The overall deficit at the end of May was £24,428 and the full year forecast deficit £65,700, which is £20,100 less than expected.

The free liquid reserves stand at £538,517 which is a surplus of £357,254 more than required.

The PCC agreed to encourage every aspect of income generation, and to offer 'critical friendship' to the different groups and organisations involved.

Free Will Offer: After considering all the above the Finance committee proposed that the PCC approve a Free Will Offer of £175,000 to the Common Fund of the Diocese of York in 2017. *Tim Carlisle seconded the proposal.*

The PCC agreed to approve a Free Will Offer of £175,000. There were 4 abstentions.

Deanery Synod

The main item to note was Christian Aid. Stephanie Cooper (regional coordinator) said that the aim was to help those in need and the poor, support the marginalised, refugees and carry out humanitarian response work. Recent projects included helping people in Bangladesh following the flooding. There was an offer to talk with individual parishes about the kind of work they are involved with and how best we can support that locally.

Peter Mounstephen has now formally stepped down as a Warden but will remain active in many other ways. Huge thanks are sent out to him for his immense contribution to the PCC and for the many ventures he undertook as representative over many years.

Anne Almond, PCC Secretary