

PCC SUMMARY MAY 2016

The new PCC for 2016/17 met together in May following a service of Holy Communion in the Quire.

The annual meeting and PCC in April elected new members but just to confirm who they are this year:

John Bull	Treasurer to the PCC
Steve George	Working alongside John and will Chair the Finance Committee.
Anne Almond	PCC Secretary
Colin Tatman	Warden
David Almond	Warden
Tim Carlisle	Warden
Clive Waddington	Warden

Peter Mounstephen Peter has decided to step down as warden but we were very pleased that he agreed to continue to head up Plant and Facilities as a non PCC member and continue his representative role on the Old Fund

New elected members of the PCC were Steve George, Gill Pickford and Meg Choules.

Jeremy wished to pass on thanks to Don Moss and Sandra King for all their hard work in the previous year as wardens and wish them well in their new ventures.

Matters discussed and decided included:

Old Fund Delegation of Powers

The PCC agree to delegate powers and responsibilities each year to the trustees of the Old Fund. This authorises and gives responsibility to the trustees to carry out repairs and maintenance to the structure of Beverley Minster. This does not include other buildings such as the Parish Hall and Peter Harrison Room but just the Minster fabric. A formal process authorises this.

Faculty and Licence Application process

A memorial plaque is now in place for Alan Spedding. If you haven't seen that yet it is placed in the North Quire Aisle on the left near to the level access exit.

Six further pinnacles on the South Nave High Roof were in need of repair and restoration and it was agreed that a Faculty application be processed to allow that to go ahead. In addition Nave Ridge repairs continue but a Faculty application was needed to authorise additional work to the Quire and Retro Quire Nave Ridge.

Staffing

Head Virger - We were delighted to report that Robyn Cleveland had taken up her post as Head Virger and was settling in to her new job at the Minster. The PCC all wish her the very best and hope she finds the Minster an enjoyable, supportive church family to be part of.

Assistant Virger - Interviews for the new assistant virger have taken place and it is hoped that Robyn will have a full team alongside her in the near future.

Assistant Organist – We were delighted to note that Ian Seddon had decided that following his recent illness and surgery that he has now fully recovered and would like to stay as Assistant Organist.

Visitor Ministry - Beverley Minster Welcomers

Further to an independent survey of Welcomers it was decided to maintain burgundy as the Welcomers chosen colour for fleeces. However, the provision of grey fleeces would be available to staff and others. The Welcomers will therefore be clearly recognisable for visitor enquiries.

Youth and Children

The experience Pentecost teaching and prayer stations in the Minster was hugely successful and welcomed the Minster Primary School children, who through story telling were helped to understand what happened on the day of Pentecost and what that means for us today as Christians.

Vision Strategy

Discipleship – The 3rd Pilgrim course starts on June 7 with a further course planned in the autumn. Do try it out.

Visitors and Welcome – Steve George heading the Discovery Team and the first of the planned events would take place on the 10 June 16 in the afternoon starting at 5.30pm.

The Try Praying booklet - The booklet had been taken by each member of the PCC and by a show of hands most had passed those on to friends and neighbours. It was hoped that the booklets would continue to wend their way around our parish and beyond to encourage prayer and faith in Christ.

Baptism and Confirmation

John of Beverley was celebrated with the first 10.30 Baptism and Confirmation service together since 2008. Jeremy said it was a shame more did not attend and wondered if the 10k cycle ride impacted on the numbers who came. There was one baptism and 9 candidates were confirmed (including six young people, four of whom were choristers). The service was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended and we were privileged to have Bishop Alison baptise and confirm the candidates. This is a time to welcome and support new communicants into our congregation and Jeremy asked that everyone pray for growth in discipleship with Christ for each new communicant amongst us.

Last but by no means least Gertie Rispin celebrates her 100th birthday on 5 June 2016 with a blessing after an all-age service. The PCC wished her all the best and a very happy birthday.

Anne Almond