

Secretary's Report

Nick Perry, Lay chairman (as we currently have no Secretary)

The PCC meets six times a year on a bi-monthly basis. Attendance has been good and has been quorate on every occasion. Each church community has a "Home Team" which takes responsibility for local matters not requiring PCC approval/permission. Where such permission is required, matters can be presented to the PCC via their two representatives (as a minimum) on the PCC. Each Home Team has permission to spend a limited amount annually, without prior PCC approval, to provide for uncontentious day to day expenses.

The Parish website has been completely overhauled and now provides comprehensive information about services, events and news in the parish and diocese. Subscribers (of which there are now 64) receive email updates whenever new material is added to the site. All procedures regarding storage of personal data have been updated in accordance with GDPR legislation. A new logo has been adopted to represent the unity of the six churches within one parish. All those holding posts within the parish now have a 'parish' email address to use for official business.

Following the departure in October of our former rector, Rev Bronwen Gamble, to take up the rectorship of the Rivers benefice near Retford, much effort has been expended in our search for a new rector. The Archdeacon for Transition Ministry, Phil Williams, met separately with groups from all six churches and then convened a meeting with the PCC to share the views he had received and clarify our vision for moving forward. Subsequently, a working group was set up to produce a Parish Profile which outlines our vision, strengths and needs to potential candidates for the post. The document has now been completed and the post of full-time rector will be advertised in May 2019.

The increased administrative load since Bron's departure has highlighted the need for additional help and the PCC approved the appointment of a part-time paid Parish Administrator. Informal approaches have proved unsuccessful and the post will be advertised formally in the near future. We sincerely hope and pray that this appointment will allow our new rector to concentrate on ministry rather than management in the future.