

WHAT HAPPENED AT PCC?

The following is a brief summary of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) Meeting held on 27th January 2016 –

Church Fabric

Heavy rain after Christmas exposed two leaks, one in the Lady Chapel and the other in the south aisle. Broken slates on the Lady Chapel roof have been replaced and the clerestory window, which had been slightly ajar, has been shut, which seems to have been the cause of the second leak.

Permission has been given for the lights in the south aisle and the altar flood lighting to be inspected as they are 'tripping'.

The Diocesan Office will be contacted about the broken fence at the Vicarage and other problems in the front garden causing flooding of the drive.

Church Life and Worship

An informal meeting of the churchwardens from both St Mary's and All Saints' had taken place in January.

The importance of keeping the Notice Boards fresh and up-to-date was stressed. The Children's Notice Board will be brought back into Church to display pictures.

An initial discussion took place about offering bereavement support, although finding and training volunteers for this may take some time.

There will just be a 10 a.m. Joint Benefice Service at St Mary's on Sunday, 10th April 2016, rather than the usual three services, as Simon will be away. On Sunday 17th April there will be a Joint Benefice Service at 10 a.m. in All Saints' Feering, led by the Bishop of Colchester who will unveil a plaque in memory of Revd Aubrey Moody. This pattern of fortnightly United Benefice services will be repeated in August.

The School Outreach Team had been teaching Year 6 pupils how to knit and has been asked to organise a Messy Easter for Reception children in March.

School links, children and youth

Only a few children came to our Christingle Service on 20th January, so we agreed to hold the next one on a Saturday afternoon in December. We recognised that Christingle services need to be held before Christmas to encourage families to come.