

Parochial Church Council

The following is a precis of the Minutes of the Meeting held 3rd March 2016 –

Mrs Pat Hillier was thanked for agreeing to be the new PCC Secretary and Mrs Kennedy was thanked for being the interim secretary since the Interregnum.

New LED floodlights had been installed in the south aisle following electrical problems. Quotations would be sought to replace the floodlights in the Chancel/Sanctuary and to provide a storm light on the northwest corner of the Church.

One of the water heaters in the toilets was leaking and it was agreed to replace both at a cost of under £100 each, as they are twenty three years old. It was agreed to seek the cost of electric hand dryers for the toilets.

Thanks were recorded to Mrs Bell, Mrs Hackworth, Mrs Strange and Mr Windard for the work undertaken in the Churchyard.

Draft Accounts had been circulated and it was pointed out that we had broken even for the second year running. It was agreed that the draft accounts should be submitted to the Auditor.

Revd Garwood was delighted that Mrs Bell and Mrs Goodchild had agreed to start a Sunday Club on the third Sunday of the month starting in May, with a break in August.

A School Communion for Year 2 children would be held on 16th March 2016.

There would be baptisms on the first Sundays of May and September when the candidates will be children from the Teddy Bear Club.

12 to 17 children regularly attend the Teddy Bear Club and Revd Garwood is grateful to all who assist.

Due to a very busy June and July, there would be no Vicarage Cream Tea this year.

All Saints' will be holding a Medieval Fete at Feeringbury on Saturday, 25th June, the Saturday before St Mary's Fete.

It was agreed to send a letter of congratulations from the PCC to the school on its recent Outstanding report from Ofsted.

Revd Garwood showed the Transforming Presence Green Box (which would be used during services in July) and each member was given a card that unfolds into a cross explaining the purpose of the box and unwrapping God's gift.

A letter explaining the Call to Prayer for the week leading to Pentecost had been circulated.

A Quiet Day had been held on Saturday, 27th February with people from both St Mary's and All Saints' Churches. Lots of ideas had come forward but there was a recognition of the difficulties of maintaining the Churches on dwindling congregations. Creative use of our lovely Churches was advocated to ensure that they are an important resource not a burden.

There would be a Joint PCC Meeting with Feering in May.