

Parochial Church Council

The following is a precis from the Minutes of the PCC Meeting held 1st November 2017.

A Diocesan advisor has visited the Churchyard and Burial Ground following a request for advice on conservation. She suggested that pathways in the grass could be widened and wildflowers sown. Her detailed advice is awaited before contact is made with volunteers who wish to help.

Thank you letters had been received for a donation to the Two Villages Christmas Voucher scheme and a donation of £580 from our Harvest Appeal to the Friends of the Poor in South India.

A short questionnaire is being produced for members of the congregation seeking views on the current Church services.

It was thought that the monthly evening Quiet Services held in the autumn were very good and appreciated.

46 children had attended the Holiday Messy Church at the end of October.

The Outreach Team had been in St Mary's Academy for Messy Remembrance helping year 5 pupils interpret peace in different ways through craft.

The Friends of St Mary's would be taking an active role in supporting the Christmas Tree Festival.

New kneelers on permanent loan from Chelmsford Cathedral are now in place.

Planning consent is required for the new Notice Board at the Church gate. The Treasurer reported that the general fund for the year is expected to break-even.

Everyone agreed that the Book Club organised by Cherry is very enjoyable.

Anne kindly offered to make a new Pulpit Fall and ribbons for the Lectern for Christmas.