

Extracts from the February/March 2021 Vestry Report

- The donation to the Diocese, agreed at the last Vestry meeting (our Quota discount plus Furlough money) has been sent.
- We are purchasing a new photocopier with the company providing maintenance over the first 5 years. This is £700 cheaper than renting it over this period.
- Caroline is now working with Rolf in leading assemblies for the local Primary Schools on Zoom.
- Vestry acknowledged the receipt of a letter from Archie Clark and data files of a church access audit that he carried out in 2005. His access audit files have been passed on to the Church Architects.
- Martin reported that the accounts remain on track against the budget.
- The portable font has arrived and cost £1200.
- Vestry agreed that Iain McNelly would be given a formal contract as cleaner for the church and that Marie would be his direct Line Manager.
- Nicki, Bev, Julia and Nicolas attended a Zoom presentation on 15th February 'Aiming for Net Zero Carbon Church Heating'. Nick has produced a report.
- Robin has asked to stand down from being heating controller and Ross has offered to replace him. We need a second person willing to do this.
- Nicki thanked Wendy for organising the Sunday social. About 20 households participate and there has been good feedback.
- Nicki thanked Margaret Holmes and Patricia for organising the delivery of Flowers and Palm crosses on Mothering Sunday.
- Pentland Men's Shed will install a 6ft cross in the Church garden for Easter. They plan to add two more crosses next year.
- Iain provided vestry with a spreadsheet summarising the work completed, required, planned and in progress with cost estimates.
- The roof work contract has been given to the lowest tender (Scott and Brown £19750 plus Vat) and this work will be carried out when convenient for both parties.
- A planning application is in progress with respect to the Rectory windows.
- Work on the garden walls and sundry items from Quinquennial report will proceed if possible when restrictions are lifted.
- The requirement of a considerable area of the choir Vestry to become a ramp, to provide wheelchair access directly from the church to hall, was too big a loss of space for many on Vestry to think this a viable option. However, this was not unanimous and the idea is to be kept under review.
- Margaret Temple reminded Vestry that Synod and general Synod will be discussing a change to Canon 4 concerning the election of Bishops. She will relay any strong opinions on this issue.

The full minutes are available from the Vestry Secretary. An electronic version can be requested by email, contact: julia.roberts01@btinternet.com