

PCC Digest July 2019

The PCC of St James met recently and this is a summary of the discussions and decisions.

PCC Policies

The PCC gave final approval to a new Complaints, Grievances & Whistleblowing policy and is now working on a new Equal Opportunities policy, to be approved at the September meeting.

Youth Ministry

Rob reported that Sam Talbot has resigned as Furzedown Churches Youth Minister and will be moving to a new post in August. He will not be replaced due to MLBC's plans to appoint their own Children's & Youth Worker. However, until that person is in post, the current joint arrangements will continue, with young people meeting for sessions on two Sunday mornings per month. Ellie Steele from MLBC will coordinate the work.

Building for the Kingdom

The Working Group has received 10 expressions of interest from architects keen to bid to carry out a Feasibility Study for us. A short-list will be produced and the PCC will decide who to appoint to carry out this exciting task.

FYC Outreach Worker Proposal

After much discussion over a long period of time at different levels in the 4 Furzedown Churches, a full time FYC Outreach Worker post is to be created. The PCC suggested some tweaks to the draft Job Description and Person Profile and gave its approval to the proposal. It is hoped that all churches will give final approval by the end of July, so that fundraising can begin and an appointment be made for January 2020.

Church Weekend Away

Rob reported that bookings are slowly increasing for Ashburnham. He asked the PCC to agree to cover the costs of the guest speaker and children's worker for the weekend and also to set up a bursary fund to offer help to church members who wouldn't otherwise be able to go. The PCC approved the proposal in principle and will return to the discussion in the autumn to agree how much money to put into the fund and to decide the assessment criteria for any applicants for assistance.

Interim Children's Worker

Having adopted a proposal to create a one-year temporary post of 'Interim Children's Worker', the PCC approved a draft Job Description and recruitment process. It is hoped to have someone in post for September this year.

The next meeting of the PCC will be on 16th September. If you have any issues you would like to be considered for inclusion on the agenda please use the PCC Suggestion Box on the Information Desk or email the church office at admin_stjameschurch@btinternet.com