

Summary of the JCC meeting on Thursday 25 January

The meeting opened with prayer.

Mission Action Plan - Project 125: The meeting spent some time considering the project to enhance and improve our buildings. The meeting agreed to focus first on the church with relocation of the entrance to the south side of the church, next to the original church door. One possibility would be to glaze the original door, creating a view into church from the outside. It was also agreed that there will be a further open meeting to consider details on Saturday 28 April at 10.00am.

Noticeboards: The meeting agreed to re-consider the positioning of a new noticeboard on the road side of the church after learning that, if we have two new boards, facing up and down the Cambridge Road, we will need a faculty! We will proceed with a new board for the west end wall, and a new heading for the church and community noticeboard.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR): this replaces the Data Protection Act (1998) in May. A Data Audit will be made, and a Privacy notice prepared to comply with this.

Inclusive Church: The meeting was reminded that we should at all times ensure that all activities and initiatives are inclusive.

Review of Christmas services: Christmas services went well and the Advent Quiet evenings were well-received. We might consider a Family Carols evening with mince pies and mulled wine next year, and will proceed with the re-introduction of the Travelling Crib.

Lent, Easter, and Ascensiontide: St Faith's Lent course will be on the Creeds, and will take place at the Vicarage, as last year. There will also be a Quiet evening in church each Thursday in Lent, 7.00pm-8.00pm. Andrew Surry will give a talk on Methodism on Thursday 24 May. More details to follow.

Reports: Reports were received from the Churchwardens, Methodist steward, treasurer, Fellowship committee, PCC and CTH.

Vicar's remarks: The Vicar thanked Joan for all her hard work with the monthly coffee mornings.

The churchwardens will organise purchase of a lockable bin store.

It was noted that, although there has been 'extra' expenditure this year, eg secondary glazing in the church, and some tree work, it has not been necessary to draw upon the reserves.

Mary Brenchley has accepted Emeritus status from the Bishop. This will be formally marked later in the year.

Next meeting: Annual meeting on Sunday 4th March at 10.40 pm; next JCC meeting Thursday 3rd May at 7.30 pm.