

PCC Secretary 's Report for The Parish Meeting April 25th 2019

We welcomed Peter Wright as our team vicar for Launton in April last year.

The PCC has met every two months during the year and we have had 8 or 9 members on the PCC during this last year.

Various topics have been discussed from, changing electricity supplier (which has now been achieved) to setting up a Friends' Group. One of the main areas of concern was the need to repair the floodlights which had to be kept switched off for some time as they were interfering with the alarm system. This was eventually done with the help of Bob Bohannon, our thanks to him. We also need to thank Will Deeley for fixing the lightbulbs in the Nave of the church. We are also looking at trimming some of the trees on the boundary of the churchyard but this is a more complicated process as we need to get a faculty from the Diocese to do this. The process of obtaining a lease of the Parish Hall between the PCC and the Parish Council has been reported on at each meeting.

Rev'd Peter has strong links with Launton Primary School and goes into school each week to do an assembly. This last September we did *Schultutes* for all the new pupils in the school and this is a tradition from Germany and is a welcome bag of goodies. The Community café goes from strength to strength and the morning session for Parents and babies has proved to be popular. The afternoon session still attracts many families and huge thanks to the team of people who make this happen.

In the autumn the History Society put on a display in the church of WW1 men who fought and died, and survived, the Great War. This was a great record of the history of these men and thank you to all involved. Also in the autumn we had the churchyard clear up which saw many work on clearing weeds, removing mud from paths and cleaning stone work.

Other fund raising events included the Tythe Barn Quiz in March, thanks again to Will and Emma Deeley, the Fete in June, the Ride and Stride in September and the Harvest Lunch in October and finally the Community Choir Christmas Carol Concert in December. Many thanks to all the people who were involved in organising these or came along and supported them.

We have just had our 2019 APCM and we had reports from our treasurer, the School, the Bellringers, the Parish Hall and many others! This year the Electoral Roll had to be completely redone and this only happens every six years. We now have two churchwardens, Joan Packer and Celia Manderson as well as two treasurers and many hard working PCC members who do so much to keep our beautiful church functioning.

We are now looking forward and formulating a vision of where we would like to see St Mary's going in the future and one example is we are taking a fresh look at our family service and aiming to include songs that children can sing easily and activities that they would enjoy doing.

Lastly many thanks to all the people who do so much for St Mary's from cleaning the church to welcoming people into the church every Sunday and much more.

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