

All Saint's Church, Brixworth

PCC Secretary's Report for Year 2015/2016

Cadence of Meetings

The PCC has met since four times since the April 2015 Vestry meeting, an interval of every two months.

Personnel Changes to the PCC during 2015.

In March 2015, Mrs. Andy Kempa joined the PCC as incoming Treasurer, and I also joined the PCC as Secretary in the same month.

Mr. Mike Lewis will be standing down as Churchwarden at the 2016 Vestry Meeting.

Key Decisions during 2015:

1. The creation of a PCC Standing Committee as per the Diocese Guidance. Church law states that we must have a standing committee of not less than five. Their purpose is to deal with items in between PCC meetings, and to set the agenda for the wider PCC.

This consists of the Chair, Churchwardens, plus at least two others appointed by the Chair.

It was resolved to appoint the The Treasurer, Secretary and Rev. April Richards to this Standing Committee to supplement the Chair and Churchwardens.

2. To recommend Rev Chloe into Rector status for Brixworth & Holcot Parishes. This came into effect from 1st December 2015.
3. To change the 3rd Sunday Eucharist to make this more family friendly; balanced to more modern hymns, and a slight change of Eucharistic prayer. This was to assist with the start of the Sunday School (Growing Saints) which started in October 2015.
4. The creation of a July Pet Service – on review this was considered a significant 2015 success.
5. A review of our Christmas Services, including partnering with the Brixworth Centre for the *Carols Around the Beacon* service.
6. Creating a Mission Action Plan (MAP) and Vision Day to establish our five year plan – this has been scheduled for the March PCC meeting.
7. Improvements to back of church – there was a desire to improve the back of the church to represent our active church. A prayer station is planned, along with already implemented improvements to the back of the settle via the addition of a notice board. It was also decided to remove the rope to the Lady Chapel and the *private* note, in order to make the Chapel more welcoming.

8. To modernise the repository for the minutes - these have been migrated to a (secure) online repository so make general access to them much easier for the other PCC members – and to help for future handovers of the historical archive of minutes to future PCC incumbents.

9. To increase our online presence – in 2015, we also created online instances of the Friends survey to help increase the completion rate, plus we now have a new Facebook presence for the Church (<https://www.facebook.com/BrixworthChurchAllSaints/>) which we have been using to help actively promote our activities and worship within the Village. PCC members have also been increasingly active on the 'Brixworth Let Us Know' page promoting services and general worship.

Signed

..... Anthony Farrow (Secretary)