



# March 2019

## Council news insert

### News from Councils....

The PCC met on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and discussed the following –

- \* The Rector's Sabbatical begins on April 22<sup>nd</sup> with a walk along Offa's Dyke. He also hopes to visit Malcolm and Yanet Taylor in the Dominican Republic
- \* Jane Williams just returned from the Holy Land – pictures in Diocesan 'Grapevine'.
- \* Jane Williams may move in the autumn – a new Curate may be expected in mid 2020
- \* Canon Jean De Garis is not able to be our speaker at Sidmouth w/e. Other possibilities discussed.
- \* Security CCTV cameras in LSM will record movement in church and relay pictures to Parish Office.
- \* On the dissolution of Purbeck DC, a farewell service will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- \* Regular monthly services are now led by Stuart at Pine Martin Grange.
- \* It has been decided not to accede to a request for a Masons' service on Palm Sunday.
- \* The Parish Hall may be open to the Homeless on cold nights, overseen by Simon Everett and Hugh Maddox. More volunteers welcomed.
- \* MARS training in relationships is being undertaken by church volunteers for Purbeck School pupils.
- \* Health and Safety training is to be arranged for volunteers.
- \* The recent Alpha Course had 12 members. The next starts on Feb 5<sup>th</sup>.
- \* Stuart will oversee an update of the parish website.
- \* East Holme Churchyard is to have a notice concerning the existence of War Graves.
- \* Mission Sunday on June 30<sup>th</sup>. It is hoped our speaker will be Reverend Andy Bowerman.
- \* Monday Quiet Days at Arne – March 25<sup>th</sup> with Sue Glanville, June 10<sup>th</sup> with Bishop Karen.
- \* The cost of Quinquennial remedial work in LSM is currently being estimated.
- \* The LSM organ electrical control has failed. Replacement estimated at £1,000.
- \* Underfloor heating and new lighting at SMOW is estimated at £89,000.
- \* Initial plans for toilets at LSM will be drawn, using the existing Clergy Vestry and outside area.

A new Clergy Vestry may be sited behind the Edward Chapel. Consultation in progress.

- \* Recent rainwater ingress in the Beckett chapel is being investigated.
- \* Repair to the Parish Hall boundary wall could cost £10,000
- \* Treasurer Michael Wardle said that our finances for 2018 provided a surplus of over £2,000
- \* Due to several factors e.g. no Flower Festival, and increase in Share, the deficit for 2019 could be about £26,000.
- \* Additional Fundraising events include a band concert in July, and an Auction of Promises in November.
- \* Reference was made to the need to encourage Wills and legacies.
- \* Alison Oakes is to be a Governor for Stoborough Primary School.
- \* A matter noted for future discussion: That SMOW Church could benefit by being the responsibility of English Heritage, while retaining our use for worship.
- \* The date of the APCM is brought forward from April 24<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup>.
- \* The next meeting of the PCC is **March 13<sup>th</sup>**.

This is a summary only. Full minutes in due course.

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