

Parish Meeting 13th February 2022

It was really good to see so many of you at our parish meeting on Sunday. This is a short summary of our meeting.

We really are keen that all that all aspects of life at St Chads happen in a spirit of openness and unity. We are now posting PCC minutes and have updated our website which now much more accurately describes our church life. Please do look at our website if you have not recently. We have also improved our social media presence.

Our interregnum continues. The Archdeacon of Salop has indicated that it will for some considerable time and that no decisions have yet been made about the appointment of a future incumbent. Shaping for Mission, the Lichfield Diocesan directive, aims to balance *the life of discipleship, vocation and evangelism while facing a significant reduction in financial income*. The future of all central churches in Shrewsbury is under review during this, the third phase of Shaping for Mission.

Our objectives, as your wardens, has been to try to grow in faith and mission in this time. We want to thank you all for the love and support shown to us. We have been really touched by all the acts of kindness. We are immensely grateful to our team of supporting clergy and to Susan Kynaston and Phil Lapage our treasurer and secretary, for their contributions to life at St Chads. Susan and Phil have prepared written summaries of their presentations, and these are attached. We continue to face financial challenges but we are addressing these and Susan's report gives details. We have two major fabric items- the repair of the inner vestibule roof and the replacement of our elderly boiler. Both are under consideration, and we are grateful for the support of the Friends of St Chads in working towards resolving these challenging issues.

We are preparing for Lent and Easter and beyond. There will be a celebration of HM Queen's platinum jubilee in June. Details of this will follow. We have heard that you would like to revert to having more choral services and we are grateful to Tony Pinel, our director of music for arranging this.

We have really enjoyed working and engaging with local schools and our University and delighted that we will be resuming civic services- Mayoral and Remembrance services are now arranged for later in the year.

We are launching our Lenten appeal this week. Phil's letter describes this in more detail and there will be further notice of this soon. Further details are available on the website where there is much more comprehensive information.

Parish away days are planned for early and late summer and again further details will be available soon.

We are so lucky to be able to be with God in our beautiful sacred place and so lucky to have each other in the joy of Christian life and look forward to continuing to work with you.

With all best wishes

Joanna and Susan
Churchwardens to St Chad's Church