

Summary of PCC meeting held on 30 January 2020

The PCC met on 30 January. The items discussed included:

Lent Appeal

The PCC agreed to support the Bishop of London's proposed Lent Appeal this year for funds for dioceses in Angola and Mozambique to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Church Policies

The Church's Social Media and Privacy Policies were considered and approved. Also reviewed and approved was the revised Church Environmental Policy. This year the Church is aiming to secure an ECO Silver award.

West Steps and Disabled Lift

The PCC heard that an inspection of the damage to the West Steps had recently been carried out by a specialist adviser appointed by the Archdeaconry. The Adviser's written report is awaited and it is hoped that repairs will be carried out to the Steps shortly.

Mission Action Plan 2018 – 2023

The PCC reviewed progress on the MAP during 2019. It was recognised that the life of the Church is much enhanced by building strong teams and enabling members of the Congregation to get to know each other better. Suggestions made at the meeting included: expanding special interest groups eg setting up wine-tasting and sherry tasting groups and building on the very successful Church social events. It was felt that the past Debates and Talks in the Church such as the successful Lecture on the Court of the Arches last year might pave the way for other lectures on Law and the Church or inviting well known figures in public life to speak at the Church. The PCC agreed that the Academy of St Mary-le-Bow and its varied programme of music should feature strongly in the MAP. Further suggestions are welcome.

On MAP environmental targets, holding a sustainability review was proposed, and bringing forward aiming for an ECO gold award to 2021.

Just Share

The Rector reminded the PCC that the Just Share initiative, run jointly by the Church with All Hallows by the Tower and St James Piccadilly has now been in existence for some 19 years. All members of the Congregation are warmly encouraged to attend the Just Share events, details of which are provided in the regular Church Bulletins setting out 'Forthcoming events'.