

Points from the PCC

In the June meeting:

- A fire extinguisher has been supplied for the tower at St Mary's.
- A monument inspection has been carried out at St John's and notices placed on defective stones.
- Following a break in at St Mary's lead had been stolen from the tower and the lightning conductor damaged.
- A faculty petition has been made for two points of access to St Paul's grounds. These have been approved in principle by the Diocesan Advisory Committee but more detail needs to be submitted about the actual construction before the work can be carried out.
- Jo Beacroft-Mitchell, Diocesan Giving Officer, has requested that at least 50% of the Parish Share should be given by standing order. This is to be discussed at a meeting of the Budget Committee however it was pointed out that a significant standing order may lead to cash flow problems.
- Following complaints from neighbours in St Paul's Terrace, the police are to be contacted after the anti-social behaviour of some youths in St Paul's grounds.
- The PCC approved firstly the change of name of the Choir Guild to Mirfield Team Parish Music Guild and secondly that membership of the Guild should be open to all with an interest in Church music.
- Planning permission has now been obtained from Kirklees for the proposed extension to the north face of St John's. The PCC approved the plans to provide a disabled toilet, meeting room and beverage kitchen and requested that a faculty petition be made to the Diocesan Advisory Committee.
- St John's Business Team had agreed to increase fees for heating, use of the organ and upkeep of the churchyard. It was noted that these may need to be reviewed in the light of certain legal requirements.
- The PCC accepted in principle that a ramp and new carpet should be installed at St Mary's. Once specific plans and costings have been acquired and approved by the PCC, a faculty will be needed before the work can be carried out.
- The PCC accepted the Transformational Plan which would now be presented to the congregations.
- The PCC is to seek a change of status of St Paul's from Parish Church to Chapel of Ease. This does not mean that St Paul's is closing but will remove the obligation to hold a Sunday Service and will clear the way to use St Paul's for a variety of Team Parish and community events.
- The PCC was informed of changes to the Hall Management Team. A new fee structure together with terms and conditions of letting were accepted by the PCC. An electronic diary is to be used for lettings.
The PCC expressed its thanks to those who had recently retired from the management of the Hall for all their hard work over many years.
- A financial report showed that the income for the first six months of 2011 was £51,036 with an expenditure of £53,424. £21,750 has been paid of the £98,656 Parish Share. Thanks were expressed to the Fund Raising Team who to date have raised £7,810.
- It was reported that a new Youth Worker has been appointed to the Matrix project.

If anyone from Mirfield Team Parish wishes to comment on what has happened or raise an item to be discussed at a future PCC meeting they should approach their own PCC representatives or Clergy member.