

Points from the PCC

In the November meeting:

- An established team is now bell ringing at St Mary's and practising twice weekly.
- A £500 grant has been obtained at St John's towards the lych-gate ramp.
- Also at St John's the latest extension plan to the north wall has been approved by the Kirklees Conservation Officer.
- A faculty for work on trees at St Paul's has been received and displayed.
- The PCC noted with grateful thanks that Andrew Eastwood has accepted the position of Mara/N'Gope Link Officer. They are also grateful that Barry Dews has agreed to be Press Officer.
- It was agreed to fund half the cost of training required to enable Stephanie Smith to become a Street Pastor in Aberdeen where she is currently studying.
- A Budget Team is to be set up to review all income and expenditure connected with Mirfield Team Parish and to work on a forecast budget to be presented at the Annual General Meeting.
- Thanks were expressed to everyone involved in making the October Transforming lives meeting a success especially Tony Macpherson for leading the event and special thanks were given to Charles and Marieke Haigh for hosting the launch party. A team from Westcott House is to work within the Parish during Holy Week.
- Access is to be allowed from the car park at St Paul's to the Sunken Garden which is being developed by Mirfield Community Partnership.
- The Brass Band Concert at St Mary's had raised £761.
- Grants had been received from Mirfield Town Council towards the maintenance of the church clocks.
- An annual grant of £370 had been received to purchase bread and wine at St Mary's.
- Thanks were expressed to the Fund raising team and to all the volunteers helping at the events.
- The PCC agreed to fund essential repairs to St Mary's roof.
- The PCC approved the siting of a bench near the old Tower at St Mary's in memory of Lynda Sowerby.
- It was agreed that £400 would be contributed toward the production of the Churches Together in Mirfield Christmas booklet. Stephen Butler has represented Mirfield Team Parish at the Churches Together in Mirfield meeting for two years now and hopes that someone else from the Parish would be willing to take on this role. (This does not need to be someone who is a member of the PCC.)

In the January meeting:

- It was reported from St Mary's that the schools' Nativity plays and the Christmas services had gone well. The Churchyard is well-maintained thanks to work completed by the Community Payback team.
- At St John's Carols Around the Tree had been particularly successful.
- At St Paul's the Christingle service had been very well attended.
- A donation, to be spent on the organ at St Mary's, has been received from the estate of the late Leslie Mathews. A plaque is to be erected in the Vestry detailing his involvement with the church.
- CRB checks are to be carried out on members of St Mary's choir as they meet regularly and include children.

- Final figures for the Gift Day show that £4021 was raised with a further £900 in tax to be reclaimed. The Caboodle raised £650 and the 60s Night a further £1175. £80,875 had been raised towards the 2010 Parish Share leaving a deficit of £15000. The Parish Share for 2011 is £98,656.
- The PCC agreed to make a donation to Charity of £3000 to be shared equally between USPG, World Vision, Matrix and the Community of the Resurrection.
- A team from Westcott House is to make a preliminary visit to the Parish during the last weekend in January. Accommodation will be needed for that weekend and also when the team visit in Holy Week.
- The Fundraising team reported that the 'Elvis' evening had raised £1200.
- Increases in fees are to be made and these will include an increase for the Verger from £30 to £35 and for the Organist from £70 to £75.
- At the next AGM for the Churches Together in Mirfield Hugh will take the post as Moderator of the CTIM. Stephen is still hoping that someone else from the Parish will take on the role as Mirfield Team Parish representative.
- The date of Mirfield Team Parish Annual General Meeting was fixed for Thursday May 5th 2011.

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.