

Points from the PCC

In the September meeting:

- After a detailed analysis of income and expenditure a new pricing structure for the Parish Centre has been implemented. Barry Dews was thanked for taking on the role of caretaker. Significant funding will be needed to refurbish the Centre to a satisfactory standard. The PCC expressed thanks to the Hall Management Committee and particularly to Lauren Montgomery-Bell for all their hard work.
- St Paul's Church held its last regular Sunday service on August 28th. A start has been made on the conversion of the Lower Vestry to a chapel.
- A Fire Officer has agreed to look at St Paul's and at the Parish Centre to advise what is required for public letting.
- With regards to the future development of St Paul's, a meeting had been arranged with Mirfield Community Partnership.
- A preliminary faculty application has been made for the proposed extension to St John's.
- Oak trees near the entrance to St John's churchyard have been crown lifted to minimize the growth of algae and moss on the path.
- It was reported that more lead had been stolen from the roof above the organ at St Mary's; repairs, of which 50% will be covered by insurance, will cost £5000. There has been some discussion with English Heritage about repairs to the Church.
- Improved security measures at St Mary's and St Paul's are being investigated.
- Emmaus courses are to be started.
- Insurance cover at all three churches is to be reappraised.
- A financial report for the current year to July 31st was presented. Total income was £73,084 with a total expenditure of £42,307. £38,000 of the Parish Share has been paid with a further £10,000 expected from the Inland Revenue soon and earmarked for the Parish Share.
- A 10% increase in the salaries of the Organist and Office staff has been recommended.
- Energy consumption and costs are being monitored.
- To date fund raising has meant a contribution to Parish funds of £18,711.13 some of which has gone to the Parish Centre to meet expenses. Thanks were expressed to the Fund raising team and to Chris Barker and Stephen Butler in particular, for their effort in the sponsored cycle ride which raised £3,100.
- Churches Together in Mirfield and District made a successful contribution at their stand at Mirfield Show.
- Kyle Mitchell is the new Youth Worker for Matrix. Friday sessions are to take place at St Paul's.

In the November meeting:

- New energy contracts had been negotiated.
- All users of the Parish Centre had agreed to the new rates.
- St Paul's clock repairs were due to be completed soon.
- The Dedication Lunch at St John's had been well-supported.
- Much publicity had followed the theft of Memorial plaques at St Mary's. Stone flags had been lifted but not taken and would need replacing.
- The draft report on the proposed new Diocese for West Yorkshire can be downloaded from the Diocesan website.

- A resolution was passed unanimously asking the Bishop to suspend Canon B14 in respect of St Paul's. This would allow St Paul's to withdraw from regular Sunday worship patterns but still allow it to be used a place of worship.
- Changes to worship times at St Mary's were discussed.
- Insurance cover at all three churches was being reviewed after a meeting with a representative from Ecclesiastical Insurance.
- A request has been made to graze horses on the field at St Mary's. Subject to the necessary legal requirements this would bring in a monthly income for the Team Parish.
- Grant assistance is to be sought to meet the list of essential repairs at St Mary's.
- The financial report indicated a shortfall of £4,787 between income and expenditure. Giving has fallen compared with last year and only £43,150 of the £98,656 Parish Share has been paid. A tax rebate of approximately £18,000 is expected and will go towards the Parish Share.
- A tree inspection is to be arranged as part of the Quinquennial. Risk assessments are to be updated on all the buildings.
- The Fund raising team were thanked for all their efforts. Thanks were also expressed to Richard Haigh of Haigh's farmshop for his generosity and support for fund raising events.
- The Churches Together in Mirfield and District AGM is to be at St Mary's on January 29th at 3.00pm
- The Women's World Day of Prayer is to take place on March 2nd, 2012 at the Salvation Army.

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.