

Update and possible resolutions for PCC Meeting on Monday 16th September 2024

Since last PCC meeting the following has happened-

1. Meeting with Jennifer Leadbetter, Heritage and Conservation Officer at North Warwickshire Borough Council. This was a very useful meeting because of the advice and knowledge Jennifer gave to the Project team particularly on the need for maintenance and resilience of the Church Building and on sustainable energy solutions. Her advice was solar panels were probably not feasible on the south facing roof of the Church due to its steepness, but it would be well worth exploring solar panels on the community centre roof. (Sue did a note of this meeting.)
2. Consultation with the directors of the Hartshill Parish Project Company (HPPC) on possible solar panels on Church Centre roof (as HPPC has lease from Diocese for Community Centre). All the directors were very supportive of idea and would be happy to be used for any grant application towards cost.
3. Project Team meeting on 31st July- minutes done by Sue provide the briefing material for the PCC.
4. The article in Church Times Stacy found on encouraging churches to apply for National Lottery Heritage Funding and hitting the four criteria (This looks a very promising source of funding which could go back to packaging all the works as a project)

Possible other item for discussion-

The idea that when the temperature of the Church is too cold in the winter (if heating does not come on) that church services are held in community centre. I know this is a contentious issue and whatever decision is made it will upset some people.

Consultation with all Church Members- do we hold a meeting maybe on a Saturday morning or after church or do we consult by a leaflet/document inviting comments.

Possible Resolutions from PCC.

1. The Project Team to continue its work on exploring sustainable options for heating and secondary glazing (to help meet the C of E target of net zero by 2030).
2. The Project Team to work up estimates for the proposed works identified to include replacement of guttering and downpipes, and other repairs identified by the quinquennial report 2023.
3. The Project Team to meet with representatives of the Parish Council to discuss progress of project and idea of solar panels on community centre roof.

4. Consultation with all church members be organised (by Project Team?) to seek views/comments on vision statement for project and other proposed ideas.
5. After that consultation has been completed the Project team organise consultation with the wider community in Hartshill including possible leaflet drops, use of social media, and meeting(s) to gain views on the project and possible assistance in its delivery including-
 - Experts and individuals in village who may be able to help with documentation to support grant applications and implementation of works.
 - Interest in setting up a community heritage group operating from the Church (This could well help with getting grants)
 - Interest in establishing a community garden at the rear of the community centre and maybe to the side of the church including a memorial garden (legalities of this would need to be explored and consultation with neighbours). (Grants towards establishing this are quite likely.)
6. The Project Team to start process of finding out grants to apply for particularly National Lottery Heritage Fund and preparing documentation to apply for those grants.