News from your PCC

10th June 2021

* The service for the Commissioning of the PCC and the admission of the Wardens will be on **Sunday 20th June**.
* We were sorry to hear that Marguerite Otty has resigned as Churchwarden and we wish her and Keith well. An election for a new Warden is to take place after the service on **Sunday 27th June**.
* The Church Buildings Council have upgraded St Nicholas to ‘major’ church status.
* **Finance**: The income of the Church has been severely hit by Covid. We no longer have income from collections and income from fees is slight. Our commitment to the Church of England is £6100 per month. We have only managed to pay two-thirds of our parish share for the months of February to June. The Treasurer gained permission to draw one parish share payment from reserves to help manage the unpredictable situation in the next few months.
* **Safeguarding**: The PCC adopted the Safeguarding Policy.
* **New Service Books**: In order to add variety and flexibility to our worship between June and November, the Rector has asked the PCC and congregation to consider the purchase of new service books. For a while we will be able to borrow a set which will help us make a decision by our next PCC meeting. situation.
* **Fabric**: A piece of stone coping has fallen from the central tower on to the north transept. The PCC approved £575 for the repair. We are very grateful to Fred Beckett for extending the high altar so that the altar frontals now fit.
* **Fund-Raising:** The Friday Fayres continue to bring in £50 per week. Plans for the Withburga Weekend are underway.
* **Eco Church**: Our Church already belongs to this scheme and we continue to work towards eco-efficiency, especially in our building and land. As part of our land use, the Rector suggested that a part of the lower churchyard should be rewilded. The PCC are considering this.
* **Children’s Ministry**: Evelyn Speed told of the success of the Pentecost bags made for Messy Church and available at half-term. She was thanked for her hard work.