

**Parish of Llanilid with
Pencoed & Heol-Y-Cyw**

Report to the Annual Vestry
of St David's Church, Pencoed
and St Paul's Church, Heol-Y-Cyw

Meeting at
St David's Church, Pencoed
Tuesday April 25th 2017
at 7pm



The Parish of Pencoed with Heol-y-Cyw is in the County Borough of Bridgend. It is in the Church in Wales Diocese of Llandaff and is part of the Deanery of Bridgend and benefice of Llanilid with Pencoed. The Church in Pencoed is dedicated to St David and is situated on Penprysg Road, Pencoed. The Church in Heol-y-Cyw is dedicated to St Paul and is situated in High Street, Heol-y-Cyw.

Incumbent:

Revd Ian Hodges
The Rectory
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Auditor / Independent Examiner:

Busy Office Solutions (St David's)
Brian Barham (St Paul's)

Bankers:

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Architect:

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PCC Members:

Norman Davies, Jayne Jenkins, Christine Phillips, Judy McCarthy

Churchwardens:

Albert Phillips, Rick Gratton, Eileen Thomas (outgoing),

Reader:

Bill Nicholas

Treasurers:

Clive Grabham
Diane Easterbrook

Annual Vestry Meeting of the Parish of Pencoed & Heol-Y-Cyw Tuesday 25th
April 2017 at 7p.m. in St David's Church

AGENDA

- 1 Prayers
- 2 Apologies for absence
- 3 Chairman's welcome

- 4 To receive and confirm the minutes of the last meeting

- 5 To receive and discuss the Parish Report
(Including the Accounts)

- 6 To receive and discuss other reports:
 - a. Area Deanery Conference
 - b. Diocesan Conference

- 7 Elections:
 - a. The People's Warden
 - b. Parochial Church Councillors
 - c. Sides men/women

- 8 Representatives for Conferences to check those elected are still serving
 - a. Diocesan Conference (1)
 - b. Area Deanery Conference (5 + 2 supplemental)

- 9 To appoint the Auditor

- 10 To set the Date & Time for the First PCC Meeting

- 11 Any other business (for which notice has been given to the secretary
and to which the meeting consents).

- 12 Closing Prayers

St David`s and St Pauls Annual Vestry Meeting

Held at St David`s Church on Tuesday 5th April 2016

Present Revd Ian Hodges, Rick Gratton, Norman Davies, Clive Grabham, Judy McCarthy, Chris Philips, Albert Philips, Jayne Jenkins, Eileen Thomas, Diane Easterbrook.

There were no apologies for absence received.

Chairman`s Welcome

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Revd Ian welcomed those present and thanked them for their work and support throughout the previous year. He noted that it was now 5 years since he had taken the post of Rector and reflected on the previous 5 years and noted some of his highlights during this time.

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the 2015 Annual vestry meeting were read and accepted as a true record

Proposed by Albert

Seconded by Norman

Parish Report

Revd Ian read his annual report to the meeting. The other reports were reflected on and the Annual accounts were confirmed.

Elections

Albert Philips accepted re-appointment as Rectors Warden.

Rick Gratton accepted re-election as peoples Warden.

Eileen Thomas elected Sub Warden Heol y Cyw.

The following people were elected to the PCC.

Chris Philips, Judy McCarthy, Jayne Jenkins, Clive Grabham (treasurer), Norman Davies, Diane Easterbrook.

It was decided that the duties of Sidemen/women would be carried out on a rota basis.

It was asked if clarification of some Sunday service duties and roles could be made, this was duly noted.

Nominations for conference

After a brief discussion the following nominations were made:

Diocesan Conference;

Norman Davies

Area Deanery Conference;

Jayne Jenkins, Chris Philips, Albert Philips, Norman Davies, Eileen Thomas.

Appointment of Auditor of accounts

It was decided that Busy Office Solutions would continue to be the auditor of our accounts.

Date of next PCC Meeting

Immediately following this meeting.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 7.50pm with prayer.

Parish Report 2017

Thank You

As ever I want to begin this report with a huge thank you.

Thank you to my family for being behind me and keeping me sane whilst also being content to be considered public property such as my role requires me to be.

Thank you to everybody who has a hand in the day to day running of the three worship centres we have here in Llanilid, Pencoed and Heol-Y-Cyw. That does not just mean those who you see up the front but those who are quietly working away unseen, oiling the wheels and making sure that year on year the Church continues on.

Thank you as well to all who come here to worship and month by month faithfully give to keep the mission of the church going. It's your giving at our times of regular worship that means we can use every opportunity we have to tell people about Jesus.

Looking Back

A quick trip back through my diary for 2016 showed:

We have continued working with all our Christian brothers and sisters in the United Churches activities. Stand out event for this year was the huge tent we all bought so we could have a stronger presence at the Bridgend show which proved brilliant when it rained cats and dogs.

We continued our schools work with Open the Book at Pencoed Primary and Croesty Primary and Brynna. We have continued to host mock baptisms and weddings. I have been helping out Croesty with their building of an electric car which helps promote the idea that the Rector is a real person who can use spanners. St Paul's got a visit this year from the next door primary school to have a look around. Pencoed comprehensive school needed some help with their A Level RE class so I went along twice to explain that Christianity was not a noddy lifestyle choice but a real relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

We have continued to host the Welsh Nursery. They come in about three times a year to look around the church and learn about the seasons and they do love to sing for us.

We continued at local wedding fayres to let people know that it is their legal right to get married in a church if they have a link to it.

We continued to work with the ATC. I am still their chaplain and go along to squadron once a month to spend time with them. They have been brilliant helping us with Messy Church. A few times we have been so so busy at Messy Church had the ATC not been there to help it would not have been able to run.

We have had open days the success of which varied from church to church.

We changed the Lent Lunches to be on Wednesdays after morning communion and that seemed to give them a boost. We also changed the Harvest Festival to occur around one

weekend as it did seem to be faltering a bit being stretched out along three weeks.

We had another Parish Walk which was really quite warm this time walking from Llanharan to Llanilid and then on to Pencoed.

We have continued with our Joint PCC meetings. We are looking to make stronger links with the parish of Llanharan and Brynna rather than get sucked into one of the large Ministry areas that are forming in Bridgend or Talbot Green. We'll begin 'Pulpit Swaps' later in 2017.

We opened as an outlet for the Bridgend Foodbank.

We went on parish trips to Weston-Super-Mare and to Winchester.

We have decided in St David's to have quarterly leaving collections so fulfill the Christian ethic of tithing and giving away a bit of what God has given us.

We had a confirmation service with Bishop David in the Parish as some adults and children wanted to stand up and be counted for Jesus.

We have continued with our Messy Church experiment. It has just got busier and busier and many people now have Messy Church as their regular place of worship and join in other parish events too. We went to a Messy Church training event and noticed that many people slot Messy into a gap in their weekly schedule on a Sunday or use it to get people into 'real' church whereas we let it be its own thing.

All the clergy gathered in Oxford for a last Clergy School with Archbishop Barry. It was a difficult time as we began to say goodbye to him in the light of his wife's death a few weeks before. As a whole the school felt incredibly honest about the real challenges faced by the Church in the next decade and the grueling nature of ministry and its effect on all of us that partake fully in it.

I had to take the funeral of one of my children's friends who was also known to me as he was a former ATC cadet. He was 16 and died after being hit by a motorbike whilst crossing a road after a day out with his friends celebrating the end of his GCSE's. It was tough being a God representative and also having to say that you had no answers as to why this happened. It made me decide to have a Sabbatical time of learning and reflection in 2017 to think through this and other things.

We also had to say a sad farewell to some of our friends, Gwyneth and John Scoggins and David Chilcott. 2016 was their time to go home.

We have also had people who have just walked in and stayed over the year which is surely an endorsement that the parish is managing to achieve that 'welcome' feel that I believe God wants us to express and is indeed at the centre of the Trinity.

The Future

In the end its all down to God really and up to us to make sure we walk well the tightrope of bringing from the past the timeless truths of God and the Good News of his son Jesus but making sure we are able to present it to people who have fallen away from God or the people of all ages who have never know him.

Again let us see what God will do here

Ian

Report on Conferences

Diocesan Conference:

The Diocesan Conference was held, as always, at the end of September, but for the first time at the recently re-sited St Teilo's Church in Wales Secondary School in Cardiff, which proved to be an excellent venue.

Many church-based organisations were on hand to display their work, which added interest to a day which encompassed a review of the previous year, statement of accounts, etc. There were also short presentations given about the Evangelism Symposium which some clerical members of Conference had attended earlier in the year, and which will be the focus of the 2017 Diocesan Conference.

Two Motions from the Deaneries were considered, one relating to the promotion of church-sponsored counselling services in the deaneries, and the other seeking clarification on how additional funds for missional projects can be accessed. Members then had the opportunity to discuss in Deanery groups how they might like to use these newly-available funds, which resulted in the drawing up of Agenda for many Deanery Conferences.

Finally, there was a period of hustings for those members seeking election to some of the Provincial bodies.

Deanery Conferences:

There were two Conferences held in 2016. At the earlier meeting in June elections were held to many of the Diocesan bodies. In addition, a very informative talk was given by Mrs Julie Davies, Diocesan Lay Training Officer, about how the work of the St Padarn Institute is being rolled out in the Diocese.

Members requested that Deanery Conferences be held more frequently than just once a year, and so an additional Conference was organised for October. It had a single-agenda item, namely to respond to the question from the Diocesan Standing Committee: 'What are the main challenges facing the next Bishop of Llandaff?'

Group discussions produced a variety of responses, which were summarised and submitted to the Standing Committee to assist in the preparation of a Diocesan Profile and Person Specification for the next Bishop of Llandaff.

Canon Mike Komor

Rectors Warden Report

Thanks to everyone who helps to keep the church going. Special thanks to our church cleaners and flower arrangers, those who read, lead prayers and assist at the altar, not forgetting DJ John who spins the discs.

Messy church is going strong attracting new families and new helpers, some of whom have come along and joined in our Sunday worship.

Thanks to all members of the PCC for their continued support and hard work.

St David's continues to host carol services for the WI and ATC and the local schools visit and hold mock baptisms and weddings and their Christingle service.

Open the book is thriving and continues to be enjoyed by children and adults alike.

Lent Lunches continue to be enjoyed by those who attend. Thanks to the many helpers and providers of delicious soups, desserts and other goodies. Our donations have been sent to the East Africa disaster fund.

Food Bank is up and running on a Monday afternoon in the church hall.

We were honoured to hold a confirmation service in St David's. Bishop David confirmed young people and adults from Pencoed and Llanharan and we enjoyed a delicious spread in the church hall afterward.

The organ has been removed from the church and replaced with a smaller electric one.

A new plinth has been built and carpeted. Thanks to Rick and Clive

Albert Philips

Peoples Warden Report

I'm now in my second full year in the role of church warden and firstly I'd like to put on record my thanks to the Rector, all members of the PCC and the congregation for the support and help in what we have achieved in 2016. In addition to the role of Warden I have covered the role of secretary whilst Judy has supported her husband in the role of Town major, and this involved the return of the annual figures to the church in Wales of our average attendances and I am pleased to be able to report that figures up to the end of 2015 did show a growth in our weekly attendances. 2016 figures are in the process of being calculated for submission this May.

Church and Church hall maintenance and repairs- In 2016 we were able to remove the organ and replace with a newer and more capable item. This now takes pride of place on a new plinth which was built in the space vacated by the original organ. In addition, new internal lighting has been fitted to the church which can be set to various levels depending on the type of service being held. All inspections required by law have been carried out in the church and hall this year. This did highlight some safety issues that have now been rectified with the electrical system.

Church hall – Hall bookings in 2016 increased. In addition to our previous year's regular bookings the arrival of the Pencoed Foodbanks weekly booking, and Pencoed Slimming world group moving their meetings to the church hall, meant the halls utilization has improved significantly up again on 2015 bookings

Messy Church – In 2016 Messy church continued to grow on its now monthly basis. We continue to meet new families at every Messy church. Members of the messy team attended a training day this year as we continue to learn how best to grow our Messy church in Pencoed.

Charitable Giving – 2016 saw an increase in our charitable giving as a church. As well as continuing to support the causes we regularly help. We completed 4 leaving collections in 2016 which supported, Toilet Twinning, Autism support Bridgend, Parkinson's UK and Heart UK. With the generous extra donations of the congregation and the help of the church we could donate £1200 between these causes. In addition, we were also able to fully fund the Air Training Corp in the purchase of some lifesaving training equipment to the sum of £400 with the help of the other churches in this parish. So, a big thank you for your support!

Social Events – All our social gatherings were well attended and the 2016 Harvest supper was again a great success. 2016 also saw the return of bus trips. In July, we had a great day out at Weston Super mare where a full bus load of church congregation across all the services and their friends enjoyed a day by the seaside and then in December we spent a day in Winchester attending their Christmas market and a visit to the cathedral again very well supported. In conclusion, I feel 2016 has seen continued growth in the church building on the figures from 2015, but also the growth can be felt by how we are known in the community of Pencoed.

Rick Gratton

Fairtrade

Fairtrade products are displayed in the church window. They are changed regularly and are sold on a sale or return basis. Thanks to everyone who supports Fairtrade.

Christian Aid

We collected in Sainsbury's for 1 day and raised £1680

Our street carol singing raised £250 Thank you everyone who helped.

Ladies Group without a name

Our chosen book was Lineage of Grace by Francine Rivers and we spent an interesting time discussing it. We enjoyed a film night, a Pack a box evening, a social evening and a Christmas meal.

Chris Philips