

The full PCC met six times during 2019 with a short meeting after the APCM and a single meeting in June to discuss a single item.

The Standing Committee usually meets shortly before the main meeting to discuss agenda items for the PCC. These would be a Finance Report, the Churchwardens' Report, Safeguarding matters and the Rector reports on matters relating to the Deanery and the Diocese, Worship patterns and Looking to the Future. Reports are also submitted from Well Hill, Focus Group, Memory Cafe, Social Committee and Toddler Group

At the January meeting of that year the Social Committee reported a full calendar of events for the year ahead. Stronger links were beginning to be established with St Mary's Green Street Green and All Souls' Pratts Bottom and more services were taken by Lay Readers from St Mary's. Plans are in place to combine the parishes as a United Benefice and meetings to be arranged with Officers of both parishes.

In March St Mary's advertised for a Priest who would eventually become the Team Leader under a United Benefice. Interviews were planned for May with a Churchwarden from St Martin's in attendance. The purchase of a card reader for collections was also discussed.

At May's meeting further plans were revealed about the future of the two parishes and the proposals from the Bishop and Archdeacon had been summarised in a document circulated to members

The July Meeting covered several important issues:

The PCC agreed that the parish's bank accounts be maintained and authorised as signatories approved.

A proposed Wi-Fi connection to the church will enable a card reader to be installed.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission has been informed of the graves of those servicemen who died in the two World Wars and a sign to that effect has been posted on the church gate

Members were informed that £3,900 was raised at the Church Fete and a further £1,600 at the Village Fair
Bishop's Council was about to receive the draft proposals recommending that the two parishes be combined as set out by the Archdeacon's Co-ordinating Committee

In September it was reported that an initiative led by Green St Green Baptist church called "The Turning" in which local Christians had reached out into the local community to spread the Word had been very successful. And a Diocesan initiative "Called to Grace" had also been launched.

The Mission and Pastoral Measures 2011 - Draft Pastoral Scheme had been drawn up by the Church Commissioners. The newly appointed Vicar of St Mary's the Reverend Susan Atkinson-Jones will become Priest-in-charge and following the Rector's retirement will be the Rector of St Mary's and the next incumbent of St Martin's will be designated Assistant Priest and will occupy Chelsfield Rectory.

At the November meeting the PCC discussed the revised Indicative Offer proposed by the Diocese

A new toddler Group leader was appointed following the resignation of Sarah Ford.

Safeguarding Training has been introduced with online courses to complete for those involved with children and vulnerable adults.

Churches together in Orpington with a representative from St Martin's had manned a stall at the "Lighting Up Orpington" celebration.

The Rector announced that he planned to retire at the end of June 2020

The meeting in January was mainly concerned with the general everyday running business of the church and arranging future meetings unaware of the restrictions to come.

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