

Rotherham Minster February PCC summary

Rotherham Minster PCC met on 20th February and below is a summary of some of the topics we discussed for your information and ongoing prayers.

Finance

The treasurer updated PCC on the church's current financial position which remains challenging.

The sale of the Westgate property to RMBC is progressing.

Ongoing maintenance issues continue to be a drain on church funds.

Conservation Management Plan (CMP)

Our architects have produced a comprehensive document charting the Minster building's development over 500 years and recommending policies to guide the PCC in the ongoing management and development of the building. The PCC adopted these policies and the Fabric Committee will work on their implementation.

Clergy Report

Rev Ali Middleton

Rev Ali's final Sunday in our Mission Area will be Easter Sunday. She is then taking up a new role as a Pioneer Oversight Minister in the Cornerstone mission area. We will be continuing to support Ali in this new role.

Mission Action Planning

We intend to develop a steering group to aid our planning for growth and development. The group will need representatives from all the different areas of our church life e.g. Rotherham Minster Connections, Choir and Choristers, Sunday congregations etc. If you wish to be a part of this please speak to a member of the clergy.

Curate - Lizzie Isley

We are delighted that Lizzie has been appointed as Curate for our Mission Area. Lizzie will be ordained at Sheffield Cathedral on Sunday 30th June and joining us from then. Please be praying for Lizzie and her family over the coming months.

Living in love and Faith -LLF

In December 2023 the House of Bishops approved some prayers and services of blessing for same sex couples who are in committed relationships. Before choosing to offer these, we have been advised by the Bishop to invite the PCC and the wider congregation to share their thoughts on this matter although the final decision remains the responsibility of the Vicar. After Easter we will be offering an opportunity for congregation members to hear more.

Worship

We have agreed to change the pattern of some of our services to best enable the growth and development of our work with children. Most notably after Easter our All Age service will be on the 3rd Sunday in the month not the first and we are looking to launch a new informal service. Lastly, Bishop Pete will be joining us for the Easter Weekend.

Rotherham Minster Connections

Rosie is now on maternity leave and we are really pleased that Becky Middleton has been appointed to cover this period.

25 households graduated from the Social Supermarket in January.

We continue to partner with several local agencies most recently ROAR as we have an artist in residence. Kevan is creating lino cut art during the week in the Minster.

Saturday gathering is continuing to grow with currently 20 adults and 20 children attending. They have agreed to continue to meet fortnightly