

DCC - Review of the Year 2020/21

Parish Charity Reg. No. 1130774

St Mary's DCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the clergy in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical within that part of the ecclesiastical parish of Upton-cum-Chalvey designated the District of St Mary's.

Members of the DCC are either ex officio or are nominated by the District at the Annual District Church Meeting, these nominations being confirmed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules and the Bishop's Instrument.

During the year the following have served as members of the DCC:

Clergy:	Revd. Alistair Stewart, Revd. Linda Hillier
Reader:	Rob Walker
Parish Wardens:	Andrea Sparrow, Lynda Bussley
District Wardens:	Jean Smith, Derek White-Taylor
Reps on the Deanery:	Jean Smith
Reps on the PCC:	Liz Bishop, Jean Donovan (part)
Elected members:	Lynn Walker, Henry Showers, Chris Tebbit, Leonie Adams
Chairman	Vicar
Vice Chairman	Parish Warden
Treasurer	Jean Smith
Minute Secretary	Ruth Ayling

As required by law the DCC elects a Standing Committee which has power to transact the business of the DCC between its meetings. Working groups are appointed as and when necessary to consider any particular matter and bring recommendations to the full Council.

The DCC has met 5 times, via zoom, since last September's Annual Meeting. Fr Alistair has chaired our meetings whilst we await the appointment of a new Rector.

Areas covered are the Churchyard Corpus Christi Replacement, an exciting project with ongoing discussions with a sculpture; vacancies for Rector and Custodian; finance; making the Church Covid safe and regular items of church life.

Due to the Covid pandemic we have not been able to continue with normal parish life. Services in the Church have been intermittent, however Fr Alistair has continued to offer Sunday services, Lent Group and Stations of the Cross on line and streaming services is now possible.

We are grateful this year to the PCC for contributions to the Diocesan Share from rent from the Albert Street property.

Very sadly, at the beginning of the year, we said farewell to Colin Dutton RIP.

Ruth Ayling
Minute Secretary
17.4.21