

The Parochial (Parish) Church Council meets every two months, and below is a brief report on our last regular meeting (and subsequent extraordinary meeting). If you have views on anything we discuss, or on what we should discuss, please speak to any of the PCC members. Anyone who has been on the church electoral roll for at least six months can stand for election to the PCC, which happens at the annual church meeting every April.

### **PCC Meetings 29th September (and 6th October 2011)**

**Bible reading and prayer:** Chris read Isaiah 40:27-31. We may be tired, but God is Creator, Sustainer, Sovereign, Wise and Caring. We should all be looking to God rather than trying to cope on our own.

**Pathfinders' report:** Pathfinders exists to make Jesus known to 11-14s and for the members to see Jesus as friend, Saviour and Lord. 12-15 Pathfinders have Bible studies on a Sunday morning, with 20 coming for games, short talks and discussions on Friday evenings. There have been many recent encouragements, including good relationships among the leaders and among the Pathfinders, lots of guests coming along, growth from summer camps and a recent baptism of one of the Pathfinders.

**Building project:** We agreed that Phase 2 of the building project will include two sets of partitions in the hall. We also considered other options including an extra room but concluded that these were not cost effective.

**Matthew's gospel, Christianity Explored, Second Sunday service and Orchard Park:** There are exciting opportunities in the year ahead. We heard more about these initiatives and discussed some details. Members of the PCC are to visit all the small groups before the gift day to provide information and take questions and ideas.

**Deputy churchwarden:** The PCC co-opted Vern Farewell and appointed him as deputy church warden.

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