**NOTES FROM THE P C C MEETING HELD ON 17th JULY 2025**

 **‘MUMS HUB’** –After careful consideration, it was felt that the use of St Aidan’s for a ‘Mums Hub’ would not be feasible because of the presence of hazards for small children; confining it to the Lounge/West Room area would be too constraining and there was lack of space for a large number of buggies/prams etc. We already have a ‘Little Rainbows’ club for toddlers & carers and perhaps this could, in time, be expanded.

**ECO-CHURCH** – We had now achieved ‘Silver’ status and Fr Michael thanked Sylvia Munns for all her efforts. We were now only the 13th church in the Diocese to have achieved this. Speaking to the Vicar of a church which had recently been awarded ‘Gold’ he felt that the effort required was out of all proportion to the achievement.

**YOUTH GROUP** – Fr Michael said he would like to organise a group for the church’s young people so that they would be both playing and praying together. One suggestion would be a Young People’s Quiz. He asked for prayer support.

**DEANERY SYNOD** – Noting that Steve Kench-Cannon was already a member of the Deanery Synod Fr Michael said that there was still a vacancy for a further member. He asked members of the Council to consider whether they felt a call to this, or if they knew of someone in the congregation who may be interested.

**SAFEGUARDING -** Janet said that appropriate training for Lesley Caswell, who was taking up the position of Recruiter, was being arranged Jan Hollands was now Lead Recruiter.

**AREA DEAN** - Fr Michael said that his work as Area Dean had not been onerous so far.

**MOTHERS’ UNION - As** far as his role as Mothers’ Union chaplain was concerned Fr Michael said he had found the Diocesan MU to be dynamic and it was a privilege to be involved with this organisation. In parishes which a formal MU branch was unsustainable, a less formal Parish Membership was now available. He wondered whether this might be appropriate especially for young mothers. Fr Michael said that the MU branch at Christ Church had indicated that they would be happy for St Aidan’s people to join their branch.

**FABRIC**

**a) Church Porches** – These will be removed 28th/29th July.

**b) Hall** – Work to the Hall will commence on 21st July Consideration is being given to purchase of better chairs and wheeled-stackers.

**c) Sound System** – Work will shortly be put in hand to improve the sound quality.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mike said that Mavis had asked that the PCC agree a date and make arrangements for a (Saturday) Work Morning. This was AGREED although no detail was discussed.

Mike Welch 24/7/2025