**Fundraising Events**

For the PCC to consider – which one would you be willing to help organise?

Ideas that were deemed potentially both cost effective and implementable were as follows:

An organ recital. A retiring collection would form the fundraising element, although drinks sold during an interval could also contribute, subject to a licence (TEN). Publicity would be key.

A (cheese and) wine tasting evening. Could be hosted in the parish rooms. Speaking to Waitrose may furnish us with an expert/presenter to talk through different wines (& cheese pairings) – and, if we’re being optimistic, perhaps a donation of some wine and cheese with a view to marketing benefits for Waitrose. Otherwise, it would be helpful if someone knows a sommelier or, failing that, individuals could contribute wines and talk about the wine they have chosen. Funds generated from ticketing for attendance – say circa £20 a head less costs of (cheese and) wine.

A Ceilidh evening. This could be held in the parish rooms. Funds generated from attendance charge less cost of band & caller and perhaps profit from refreshment sales.

A progressive supper. This would not constitute a huge fundraiser, but was considered easy enough to organise. Households would sign up, be grouped and pay to participate.

A pig (or mouse) racing evening. Ace pig racing is a web-based company from whom equipment may be hired for the purpose of fun and fundraising. The company provide mechanical pigs and a racing track, as well as a compare/announcer. The costs involved are fairly substantial, so it would need large take-up to turn a profit. However, it was felt that something more home-grown could be accomplished with clockwork mice and a homemade track.

A cinema night. One or a series of these could be held in the parish rooms subject to appropriate equipment – projector and screen. These could be simple film viewings with popcorn sales and a small entrance fee, or events aimed at families (sing along Moana…) or adults (Rocky Horror dress up!). The potential difficulties here relate to licensing.