

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HARTFORD
MINUTES OF THE PCC MEETING HELD ON 19th JANUARY 2026
IN THE CHURCH ROOM AT 7.00 PM**

Present: Rev'd. Geoff Boucher, Rev'd. Clifford Owen, Rev'd Steph Pedlar, Elaine Levitt, Sue Craven, Neil Pedlar, Bev McCallum, Helen Dowzall, Lesley Grant, Tony Humes, Colin Jones, Mary Adlam.

There were apologies of absence from Mary Hill.

The meeting opened with Clifford Owen and then Geoff Boucher leading us in prayer.

1. The minutes of the PCC Meeting held on 17th November 2025 were approved.

2. Matters Arising.

(i) Sue Craven has been in contact with Richard Bower and he has advised delaying the organ service until later in the year when the damp weather conditions have improved.

3. Correspondence.

(i) A letter has been received from the Ely Diocesan Board of Finance informing the PCC and incumbent of the imminent sale of 'a parcel of glebe land' in Church Lane.

(ii) A list of thank you letters from the recipients of the Mission Giving donations were read out including a report from Fusion – the latter had been previously circulated to the PCC. Neil Pedlar was thanked for making the donations on behalf of the PCC.

(iii) It was suggested that Kevin Burdett (Money Advisor) and Peter Heslam (Faith in Business) be invited to preach.

4. Safeguarding.

The following Safeguarding procedures had been previously circulated to the PCC:

- Control of Stored Documents and Electronic Data ASHSP06
- Support for Victims and Survivors ASHSP07
- Church and Non-Church Activities ASHSP08
- GDPR Policy

All were reviewed, (Proposer, Geoff Boucher, Seconder, Sue Craven), and were adopted by the PCC.

Colin Jones and Steph Pedlar were thanked for their work in producing the documentation.

5. Church Warden's Report.

The January 2026 report had been previously circulated to the PCC.

(i) Sue Craven had met with the representative from the insurance company and it was suggested that the fire alarms need testing every week and a Fire Safety Officer be appointed. Geoff Boucher to talk to and appoint Paul Slater to this post.

(ii) Today the Town Council had sent the tree surgeon to remove the dead tree from the corner of the churchyard.

6. Treasurer's Report.

Neil Pedlar presented his report at the meeting.

(i) It was proposed by Sue Craven, seconded by Elaine Levitt and agreed by the PCC that Neil Pedlar could action and sign up to a new electricity provider based on the most favourable quotation.

(ii) Now the new card machine has been introduced, it was proposed to turn off 'gamma' and if no problems were detected then the contract would be cancelled.

(iii) It was noted and discussed that in the last four months' expenditure had exceeded income.

7. Defibrillator and First Aid.

A letter has been received from Amanda Smith, (the White Swans Dance Academy), following an incident on 11.12.25 requesting that the PCC consider applying for a defibrillator nearer to the Church building than the Village Hall defibrillator.

Steph Pedlar presented her research into the possibility and led a lengthy discussion on the requirements of installation and the implications.

It was agreed that an immediate decision be deferred due to the multiple considerations and to be revisited at a later date.

It was also agreed that a notice be placed in 'the pew sheets' to ascertain if there were any qualified First Aiders in the congregation and/or if anyone was willing to train as a First Aider.

8. Church Room Cleaning.

Recently cleaning duties have been carried out by a few volunteers as there still remains a vacancy for a cleaner. It was suggested a notice be placed in 'the pew sheets' asking if someone was prepared to clean or if they knew of anyone else who would undertake this role.

9. Special Events 2026.

The Tapestry Concert on 09.05.26 is a confirmed date.

10. Christmas Review.

The events were reviewed and all had been successful.

Carol Singing, although not the primary focus, had raised £110+ that was donated to EACH.

There had been two advent assemblies at Hartford School and there was a sense that the relationship with the school was growing.

In conclusion there was a lot to be encouraged through attendance and participation.

11. Hunter's Down.

The next visit and Communion Service will be on 28th January 2026 and the following 4th Wednesday of the month. Both residents and staff have shown appreciation.

12. Open Church and Thy Kingdom Come.

(i) The Church will be open and available for prayer for the ten days between Ascension Day and Pentecost from 14.05.26 to 24.05.26. Other activities to be decided.

(ii) It was suggested to open the Church in general following this date.

13. Any Other Business.

(i) Clifford Owen had produced an update on the current position of Churches Together in Huntingdon and Godmanchester. He led us through the report that had been previously circulated to the PCC. Geoff Boucher thanked Clifford on behalf of the committee for all his hard work in maintaining these links and raising awareness and in particular for organising the WOPCU that had commenced today.

(ii) Mary Adlam drew to our attention the updated and organised noticeboard in the Church Room and Steph Pedlar was thanked for her work in making this happen.

(iii) Mary Adlam suggested that in the week of the Church being opened for Thy Kingdom Come a flower festival could be considered and/or inviting Marjorie Carrier to display her collection of Biblical scenes.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm with the PCC Committee sharing the Grace.

The date of the next PCC Committee Meeting is Monday 16th March 2026 at 7.00 pm in the Church Room.