

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HARTFORD.
MINUTES
OF THE PCC MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 24TH, MARCH 2025
IN THE CHURCH ROOM AT 7.00 PM.

Present: Revd. Geoff Boucher, Revd. Steph Pedlar, Revd. Clifford Owen, Tony Humes, Helen Dowzall, Elaine Levitt, Mary Hill, Lesley Grant, Genene Triggs, Sue Craven, Bev McCallum.

There were apologies for absence from Colin Jones, Peter King, Neil Pedlar & Paul Fearon.

The meeting opened with Prayers.

1. The minutes of the PCC Meeting held on 20th January 2025 were approved.
2. There were no matters arising.
3. No correspondence received.
4. Geoff Boucher welcomed Mary Hill to the meeting. Mary is in the early stages of her application to become a Licensed Lay Minister. Geoff Boucher offered our support and thanks to Mary, and Steph Pedlar led the prayer for Mary's success in her journey to becoming an LLM. Sue Craven proposed Mary Hill, and seconded by Elaine Levitt, in her application and all were in favour.
5. Geoff Boucher invited Lesley Grant and Genene Triggs to say a few words about the 'Leading Church into Growth' course they attended at the weekend. Both agreed it had been a hugely positive experience and they had much to say but were still absorbing everything they had learned. It was suggested this may be a good topic for a presentation at a future Away Day.
6. Safeguarding:
 - (i) Colin Jones in his absence had sent his Safeguarding Report and it had been circulated prior to the meeting. The urgent action required in the event of a clergy vacancy for secure storage of safeguarding records was discussed. It was decided to purchase a lockable, fireproof, small filing cabinet. In the event of 'a clergy vacancy' it would be held at the home of a named person with the Church Warden also being a key holder.
 - (ii) PCC members safeguarding training will be reviewed after the APCM.
 - (iii) All current members DBS certificates are up-to-date.
 - (iv) Colin Jones attended a DBS workshop zoom meeting on March 11th 2025 being run by the Ely Safeguarding Team.
7. Church Warden's Report. The report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Sue Craven read the report and an additional item was included – Cromwell Fire would be servicing the alarm system on Tuesday 8th April at 9.00 am.

8. Treasurer's Report. The report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Everything was going as expected with the progression of the works and payments. Money from the Enhancement Fund will be used for the cleaning of the floor, carpets and cushions.

9. Update of Limewash Project. Rothwell's Cleaning Services have been contacted to quote for the deep cleaning of carpets, upholstery, tiled flooring. Geoff Boucher, proposer Sue Craven, seconder and all were in agreement. The booking will go ahead for Monday 31st March and the following Tuesday and Wednesday (8th and 9th April) to continue and complete the work. The limewash is due for completion this week and services will resume in the church on Mothering Sunday 30th March.

10. Deanery and Diocesan Report. The paperwork was circulated prior to the meeting. Elaine Levitt reported there was a lot going on and highlighted that there were policy documents available, if needed, to support the preparations for the anticipated 'Visitation' later this year.

11. Approval of Annual Report 2024. The report was approved with a few minor amendments.

12. APCM Monday 28th April 2025. So far 58 completed Electoral Roll forms have been received by Helen Dowzall. There is one more week before the closure date.

13. Website. The sub-committee have yet to hold its first meeting.

14. Fire Regulations update on Fire Officer. Contact still needs to be made with a possible candidate.

15. Maintenance Queries:

(i) A working party will be set up but will wait for the better weather to clean the church room, kitchen and toilet windows.

(ii) Peter Haynes, the Head Groundsman at Huntingdon Town Council, is aware of and will be attending to the rotting tree close to a neighbouring property in the church graveyard. A faculty will need to be applied for the works.

(iii) The gardeners who attend the grounds are keeping an eye on the tree that is encroaching the guttering on the side of the church room.

(iv) A letter to be written to the council about the poor state of the church footpath.

16. Fundraising/ Social Events.

(i) The Six Concert being held on Saturday 26th April is being organised by Pat and Haleema Hawkins. Genevieve Triggs and Lesley Grant will be advertising the event and organising the refreshments.

(ii) There is still no date for the Tapestry Concert but there is a possibility that it could take place on a Sunday afternoon, playing for an hour with no interval and refreshments to follow.

15. Any Other Business.

(i) Clifford Owen gave an update on the Church Newsletter. It will be finalised after the PCC meeting. It was suggested that the July issue could include a 'poetry' feature.

(ii) A date of 13th July 2025 has been put in the diary for The Sea Sunday Service.

(iii) After much discussion, a provisional date for 'An Away Day' event to be held in Houghton at the St Mary Centre was decided to be Saturday 7th June 2025.

(iv) An enquiry has been made to hire the Church Room for four hours on a Tuesday by Lindy Lou's multi sensory music classes for newborn to pre-schoolers for a possible forty weeks of the year. This would provide a significant lettings income but would have to be balanced against Tuesdays being used for additional church activities, such as fundraising events. A discussion followed and it was agreed that in principle there would be no objection and the request could be accommodated.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm with the PCC Committee sharing the Grace.

The next meeting of the PCC is on Monday 24th April 2025 after the APCM in the Church Room.