

THE PARISH OF ST PETER – IN –THANET
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL HELD
ON THE 21st JULY 2025

Present

S. Mills (SM), L. Stickels (LS), R. Page (RP), I. Dunn (ID) A. Parkins (AP), M. Bridges (MB), R. Baker (RB), R. Dunn (RD), H. Kendrick (HK), J. Reid (JR) K.Parker-Vaughan (KPV), Liz Earll (LE)

Rev A.Bates

L.Kirk (Mins).

CHAIR; Rev Matt Hodder

1. WELCOME

Rev Matt welcomed all attendees, Rev Matt read from the bible.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

J.Binfield (JB), R. Brown (RBro),

3. MINUTES OF THE PCC MEETING HELD ON 9th JUNE 2025

The minutes for 9th June were proposed as correct by JR. This was seconded by RP and agreed unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING

- Two Confidential Items were discussed.
- Length of PCC Membership

Length of PCC membership without a break was discussed. It is often good practice for PCC's to have a clause which encourages people to take a year off after a period of service. It was agreed that 2 terms of 3 years, So maximum of 6 years on PCC, then a year off (minimum), After that they can then re-join. MB proposed, ID seconded all unanimously agreed.

- Tea Club +

It was asked if Tea Club can come under the St Peter's Umbrella. This will help Tea Club + with their policies and procedures. AB Proposed and SM seconded all unanimously agreed.

5. SAFEGUARDING

MH to meet with Chris Knight on Friday. The in person safeguarding training was positive and beneficial for all who attended. Some member have training still outstanding.

6. PCC COMMITTEES

Ministry, Mission and Worship Committee

RP stated that since the change from using the pouches or plate to pass around during the offertory hymn that cash collections have dropped by 25%. He would like to propose we reinstate the collection in the old way but be clear that there is no obligation to pay. Also we should purchase larger pouches, and collectors retrained on how they approach visitors.

It was pointed out by MH that cash is only a small part of our collection on a Sunday, and that in this particular case £63 had been collected via the card machine, as well as yellow envelopes which we were unaware of the amount.

AP, Suggested to look at card and cash payments from last years to produce an accurate report.

JR, more people in church, so we would suggest donations should increase.

RD, Suggested to give it more time

ID, Comments were made by congregation that they felt less pressure.

AB, Agreed that we need to see more data,

JR suggested to extend the trial until the next PCC meeting, AB seconded. RP to produce a 6 month report, Inc. yellow envelopes.

MH Suggested younger profile, more cashless society attending church.

RB brought up table by south door. Could it be moved or additional table to left of the door as people exit. MH agreed to look into it.

Following on from the Mission and Worship Committee meeting at June's house, it was announced that a new Youth Group will be starting in September for children in school year 6 and up.

Halls Committee

Renovation of the toilets, Ladies completed and Gents 98% complete.

Ladies have been paid, and part of the Gents. (£5000 grant has been used for this) Parish share not yet paid.

Eco Church/Churchyard

24th Aug – Open church yard afternoon, David Tate and gardening angels are heading this up. People were encouraged to attend.

Finance Committee

RP raised issues with CAF bank, Templates not carried over.

Sum up, again has been updated and reports have been altered.

The Parish Giving Scheme however had been a success, and this is important because it reduces the Treasurer's workload. We will continue to encourage those who already give by standing order to switch over to the PGS.

RP has announced that he would like someone to shadow his role as treasure, in view to handing over in due course. MH and the Churchwardens are working with RP on this.

Fabric Committee

AP Belfry issue continues, the company believe they do not need approval from Diocese, which Canterbury diocese had confirmed they do.

Heating, confirmation needed from Kevin Tucker whether we need type A or type B permission for replacing the boiler. AP is contacting Kevin.

Solar panels have been investigated, two quotes received for a similar price. More investigation is needed and these will follow on from the replacement of the boiler for church

RB suggested we look at rewiring the church. AP has had an opinion from electrician that it may not be needed. More investigation is needed.

Drainage, Reports on Tea and toilets, still in motion. AP has put on hold whilst we sort out the boiler.

MH thanked ID, SM and AP for their work on the faculty application.

Fundraising

Summary was given on most recent fundraising events, and the committee had decided to not continue with Craft fairs, all other events running well.

PCC Thanks to Gill Page, Shelley Lennon and Laura Kirk for all their hard work with the Summer Fete.

Social Committee

Last event was Murder Mystery, Next event Harvest Supper 13th October.

7. DEANERY SYNOD

Report received from June B. Dr Trevor Clark spoke at the last meeting about Community Pastors.

8. HEALTH AND SAFETY

Nothing to report.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is on 25th September 2025 at 7pm, in the Mulberry Room.

10. AOB

HK brought up Lone worker. Concerns raised with Open church, 1832 door is unlocked and we have had in past people wandering into this area. MH agreed that individuals can lock 1832 door when people are present in there. Lone worker policy was shared, and policy has been proposed by ID Seconded HK, all agreed.

Open church, Examples from MH on how open church has gone. Well done and thank you from MH to PCC.

12. THE GRACE

The meeting closed with the Grace.