

MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11TH MAY 2026 AT 8.00pm IN CHURCH

Present: Sarah Canham (Churchwarden)(Chair), Richard Spurgeon (Churchwarden), Malcolm Brewer (Hon Assistant Treasurer), David Cavey, Sue Hodgens, Lynne McNeill (Charities Treasurer), Jackie Rossi (Anna Friend), Sara Schillemore, Candy Williams (Deanery Synod), Lynn Winter (Deputy Safeguarding Officer), Jane Cook (Secretary)

In attendance: David Cain, Rev Sandra

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		PCC thanked Rev Sandra for taking the Eucharist before the meeting.	
1.		Apologies for absence: Sara Pask, Treasurer), Dawn Trimby, Marian Haughton (Anna Chaplain), Sonja Renfrew (Safeguarding Officer), Elaine Shimbart (Deanery Synod) Welcome to new members Sarah welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming and gave a particular welcome to the new members. Co-option of members As we had 4 people apply for PCC at the APCM for 3 places it was decided to co-opt Malcolm Brewer as Assistant Treasurer to the PCC.	
2.		Minutes of last PCC meetings held on 17th March (to approve accounts) The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Malcolm Brewer and seconded by David Cavey.	
3.		Matters Arising	
		<u>Page 1, Item 3 – Microphones</u> – these seem to be better using ordinary batteries. <u>Page 1, Item 3 – June Diaper</u> – Jackie said she was very pleased with the card and flowers and we also sent her a card from Walsingham. <u>Page 2, Item 6d) – Flower Festival gift aid</u> – Richard asked anyone buying flowers etc for the Flower Festival to keep their receipts and give to Malcolm who will refund by bank transfer and you can then give it back to the church so we can claim gift aid, if so wished. <u>Page 3, Item 7 – Mobile Phone no to Helen</u> – Malcolm confirmed that he has given Helen, Parish Administrator the new Church Hall mobile number. <u>Page 3, Item 7 – Vestibule Flat Roof</u> – Richard said this has not moved forward yet. He will start the process for getting a Faculty for this work.	All for Flower Festival RS
4.		Elections and Nominations:	
	a)	Secretary – Jane Cook agreed to carry on as Secretary.	
	b)	Treasurer – Sara Pask agreed to carry on as Treasurer. Hon Assistant Treasurer – Malcolm Brewer agreed to carry on in this role.	
	c)	Chairman of PCC – As Incumbent Fr Colin is chair of PCC. Vice Chairman of PCC – Sarah Canham agreed to carry on in this role and will chair PCC meetings in Fr Colin's absence.	

	d)	Standing Committee Membership – at the moment this is the Incumbent, 2 Churchwardens, Secretary and Treasurer. This committee only meets in an emergency and can spend up to £1000. It was agreed to keep this the same. Rev Sandra agreed to step in if necessary in Fr Colin's absence.	<u>ACTION</u>
	e)	Electoral Roll Officer – Derek Strickland has agreed to carry on with this role.	
	f)	Safeguarding Officer (Youth Coordinator/Child Protection Officer/Vulnerable Persons Coordinator) – Sonja Renfrew has confirmed that she is happy to carry on in this role. Deputy Safeguarding Officer – Lynn Winter has agreed to carry on in this role.	
	g)	Disability Awareness Officer – Marian Haughton has agreed to remain as Disability Awareness Officer but still does not have any real information on what this entails.	
	h)	Honorary Recorder/Parish Giving Scheme – David Cavey and Malcolm Brewer will carry on in this role alongside Sara Pask who will claim the gift aid online.	
	i)	Data Protection Officer/GDPR Coordinator/CCTV – Sarah Canham and Richard Spurgeon as Churchwardens are responsible for this. The PCC voted unanimously to accept all the above nominations. Proposed by Lynne McNeill and seconded by Lynn Winter.	
5.		Charities Account Treasurer – Lynne McNeill has agreed to carry on as Charities Account Treasurer. For the new members there is a separate Charities account at Lloyds. Lynne sends the money to the chosen charity and keeps the noticeboard up to date. The charities are chosen each year by a small number of people from the PCC and most of the charities have been suggested by members of the congregation. Ideas can be given to Lynne at any time during the year and she keeps them in a folder. Proposed by Sara Schillemore, seconded by David Cavey.	
6.		Formation of PCC Committees PCC members were asked which Committee they would like to join. It was agreed to keep Stewardship under F&F & Quinquennial Committee and Mission under the Pastoral Committee as was the case last year.	
F&F, Quinquennial & Stewardship Richard Spurgeon (Chair) Sara Pask Malcolm Brewer David Cavey Elaine Shimbart Dawn Trimby <u>Co-opted:</u> David Cain Linda Wainwright		Pastoral & Mission Sarah Canham (Chair) Rev Sandra (ex officio) Marian Haughton Anne Morgan Lynne McNeill Jackie Rossi Candy Williams Lynn Winter <u>Co-opted:</u> Rosy Stone Tricia Taylor	

Church Hall Sarah Canham (Chair) Malcolm Brewer Jane Cook Richard Spurgeon <u>Co-opted:</u> Ian Gibson Sandra Hewett (resigned 6.5.26) As Hall Bookings Secretary it was agreed it would be good to have Jo Horner co-opted onto the Committee and change the meetings to evenings as she works. Jane to ask.		Eco Church Group Malcolm Brewer Jane Cook Sara Pask Lynn Winter <u>Co-opted:</u> Mo Peters (Chair) David Cain Sonja Renfrew (happy to help but can't attend meetings)															
Social & Fundraising Chair alternates at each meeting Malcolm Brewer Sarah Canham David Cavey Jane Cook Marian Haughton Sue Hodgins Jackie Rossi Richard Spurgeon <u>Co-opted</u> Ian Gibson Janet Johnson John Johnson		<u>The following are happy to help at events, if available</u> Liz Graham Linda Wainwright Lynne McNeill Mo Peters Sonja Renfrew Rosy Stone Richard Spurgeon Candy Williams															
Sara Schillemore to advise Jane which sub-committee she would like to join.		SS															
Churchwardens can attend any of the sub-committees. Co-opted members will be invited and agreed by the various Committees at their first meeting and Chairs to let Jane know the date of their first meeting and who has been co-opted so she can produce an accurate list.																	
7.		Election of Sidespersons / Meet and Greet <table><tr><td>Malcolm Brewer</td><td>Marian Haughton</td></tr><tr><td>Sarah Brewer</td><td>Lynne McNeill</td></tr><tr><td>Sarah Canham</td><td>Jackie Rossi</td></tr><tr><td>Barbara Clark</td><td>Derek Strickland</td></tr><tr><td>Jane Cook</td><td>Linda Wainwright</td></tr><tr><td>Wendy Dancer</td><td>Lynn Winter</td></tr><tr><td>Susan Deal</td><td>Rose Wycherley</td></tr></table> The PCC voted unanimously to accept all the above. Proposed by Richard Spurgeon and seconded by Sue Hodgins. Thanks to all who undertake this role.		Malcolm Brewer	Marian Haughton	Sarah Brewer	Lynne McNeill	Sarah Canham	Jackie Rossi	Barbara Clark	Derek Strickland	Jane Cook	Linda Wainwright	Wendy Dancer	Lynn Winter	Susan Deal	Rose Wycherley
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8.	a)	Charity Treasurer's Report															
		Lynne gave the following report: March for Bishop's Lent Appeal - £73.13 April for New Blendworth Centre - £79.33															

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	b)	Treasurer's Report	
		As Sara was away there was no report and no figures for April.	
9.		Dates of Future Meetings: 2026 Tuesday 21 st July Tuesday 6 th October Monday 14 th December 2027 Tuesday 2 nd February Monday 22 nd March (Approval of Accounts 2025) Holding PCC meetings every 2 months enables the sub-committees to meet and send in a report for each PCC meeting.	ALL
10.		Date of APCM 2027 It was agreed that the APCM will be held on Sunday 25th April in Church following the 10am Eucharist.	ALL
11.		Committee Reports	
		• Safeguarding – Sonja circulated a Safeguarding Policy Review on 11th May which Jane has forwarded to PCC members but people hadn't had time to look at it. PCC members to read this and decide if we need to meet before the next PCC. Sonja said it can be signed at the next PCC meeting. • F&F, Quinquennial & Stewardship Committee – minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21st April 2026 have already been circulated. • Pastoral & Mission Committee – not met • Church Hall Committee – not met • Families and Young People – a report from Chris Gadd on the Dragons and a report from Lynn Winter on Sunday school have already been circulated. • Social and Fundraising Committee – not met but a very successful Parish lunch held on 19th April. • Eco Church Group – not met • Deanery Synod Committee – minutes already circulated. Elaine attended the meeting but Candy gave a resume.	ALL
12.		Correspondence / AOB	
		• Following meeting with Archdeacon Bob and Area Dean Emma A Pastoral and Mission meeting will be held on Tuesday 23rd June at 7.30pm in the Choir Vestry which all PCC members are urged to attend. • Suggestions from Fr Charles: • Safe keys are replaced following church keys being stolen Richard organised this and new keys handed out to those people who need it. • Card machine should be changed to display a minimum donation of £5	

		This has already been done by Richard and the software upgraded but the machine now turns itself off so Richard will sort this. • Some form of step on the corner of the altar steps for safety etc This has been solved by Richard following a suggestion from David and a step with handlebar is in place by the altar. Cost around £270 and Richard thinks we may need a second one. We have already received a donation towards this. • Ashes plot is getting full. Could the PCC consider how and where it could be extended Richard said having had another look there is still quite a bit of space so no panic at present. • Letter from Mo and Tony Shepherd A letter dated 23rd April was received listing all the problems they had with their wedding in the chapel at St George's on 14th April. They wanted us to understand that it is not a criticism of the acting clergy, Churchwardens, PCC, Administrator or Fr Colin. This letter was discussed by the PCC who expressed their deep regret for all the stress this caused for such an important occasion. Unfortunately Sarah said this is the second occasion it has happened recently. David said there hasn't been a wedding at St George's during his time here and he started in 2021 and since then we have had 2 new Parish Administrators and with Fr Colin being off no-one has trained Helen on what needs doing. David's previous church had regular weddings so he knows what needs to be prepared when someone comes in to book a wedding. He offered to assist the administrator in compiling a check list of things that need to be covered for wedding/banns bookings so that there is better understanding of what is required for any future services. Richard will draft a letter for Jane to send to Mo and Tony offering the PCC's sincere apologies.	<u>ACTION</u> RS RS DC RS
13.		Date of Next PCC Meeting	
		Tuesday 21st July in church at 8.00pm following the 7.30pm Eucharist. Please let Jane have apologies in advance of the meeting if you are unable to attend There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm.	ALL