

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HARTFORD.
MINUTES
OF THE PCC MEETING HELD ON 16TH JUNE 2025
IN THE CHURCH/ROOM AT 7.00 PM**

A Service of Communion was celebrated by all members of the PCC.

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

There were apologies of absence from Mary Hill, Mary Adlam and Colin Jones.

1. The minutes of the PCC Meeting held on 24th March 2025 and 28th April 2025 were approved.

2. There were no matters arising.

3. Correspondence. The committee were reminded, if they hadn't already done so, to complete the previously sent link to record their details with Ely. The secretary to re-send the link.

4. Safeguarding. The report had been previously circulated and there were no queries.

5. Church Warden's Report. The report had been previously circulated.

(i) The 5 year Electrical Inspection is due. Proposed by Helen Dowzall, seconded by Neil Pedlar and all were in favour to proceed.

(ii) A quote of £303.34 including VAT had been received from Cambridge Interiors to replace the South Door curtain rail. The quote had been accepted and now awaiting a suitable date to order and fit.

(iii) Helen Dowzall and Elaine Levitt volunteered to assist Sue Craven in the process of formally recording the Articles of Enquiry 60 policies suggested by Ely.

(iv) An advertisement to appear in the next newsletter, (July 1st 2025), for volunteers to form a working party to clear the overgrown area at the far end of the burial site.

(v) 2nd August 2025 was the date set to clear the Lobby Cupboard.

6. Church Warden Vacancy. It was registered there was a vacancy. Sue Craven stated she had received supportive help when needed.

7. Treasurer's Report. The report had been circulated prior to the meeting and an additional hand-out was distributed at the meeting showing a snapshot of the current finances. The conclusion was that at present the church was in a good financial position

There were a few notable items:

- (i) There was an outstanding invoice from Peacock's Funeral Directors.
- (ii) Ely Diocese fees were due at the end of the month.
- (iii) The interest rate had reduced from 8% to 7%
- (iv) The Hunts Art Group would no longer be booking the Church Room for their monthly Saturday meeting.

Geoff Boucher thanked Neil Pedlar for the large amount of work he had contributed especially on researching the accountancy package. In turn Neil Pedlar thanked Helen Dowzall and Elaine Levitt for collecting and banking weekly monies received.

8. Electoral Roll. Helen Dowzall reported that three more names had been added to the Electoral Roll taking the total to 72. It was unanimously agreed that the names of Arthur John Dudley, Tony Stoker and Shirley Stoker be added to the roll.

9. Deanery Synod. The minutes of the latest meeting held on 4th June 2025 were previously distributed. Neil Pedlar offered to contact Martin Kenward of the Ely Diocesan Board of Finance for further details on Digital Giving in view of replacing the Good Box scheme.

10. Social and Fund Raising Events 2025.

Dates already in the diary are:

19th July and 20th August – Cream Teas
28th September – Harvest Lunch
15th November – Christmas Fayre
6th December – Enchanted Concert
21st December – Christmas Concert

Tapestry are fully booked for this year and it was suggested to provide three possible dates for 2026. These are: 11/04, 09/05, 13/06.

11. Newsletter. Clifford Owen will be meeting with Geoff Boucher, Amanda Smith and Steph Pedlar this Thursday 19th June to discuss items for inclusion and the format of the Newsletter following guidelines given by Paul Fearon. Clifford Owen as editor is keen for the distribution to grow and to outreach beyond the immediate Church community. In the next few weeks Pat Hawkins will be compiling an updated email newsletter list to include new members of the congregation.

Clifford Owen also gave a report on the Sea Sunday Service 13.07.25. It will follow a similar format to last year's successful event, and it is hoped the Sea Cadets can be involved.

12. Away Day. A date was set for Saturday 18th October 2025 from 10 – 3.00 pm. It will be held in St Mary's Centre Houghton and refreshments to be provided. (The Centre has now been booked for Saturday 18th October 2025).

13. After Service Refreshments. These have proved to be very successful but the acoustics of the room are challenging. There were a couple of suggestions to make improvements. To open the double doors and use the outside space, (weather permitting), during the summer months and during the winter months to provide a few table and chairs at the back of the Church for those seeking a quieter environment.

14. Any Other Business.

There was a reminder that Steph Pedlar's ordination will take place on Saturday 28th June 2025 at Ely Cathedral. Geoff Boucher thanked her for her contribution and stated she was a joy to work alongside. Likewise, Steph Pedlar thanked Geoff Boucher for his excellent guidance this past year. Steph Pedlar's first Eucharist will be on 29th June 2025 at 9.45 am at St Mary the Virgin, Houghton and Sunday 20th July 2025 at All Saints Church, Hartford.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm with the PCC Committee sharing the Grace.

The date of the next PCC Committee Meeting is Monday 28th July at 7.00 pm in the Church Room.