

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HARTFORD
MINUTES OF THE PCC MEETING HELD ON 16th MARCH 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, Mary Hill.

There were no apologies of absence.

The meeting opened with Geoff Boucher leading us in prayer.

1. The minutes of the PCC Meeting held on 19th January 2026 were approved.

2. Matters Arising

(i) Appointment of a Fire Officer is still outstanding.

(ii) No-one has come forward to fulfil the role of First Aider.

(iii) A thank you to the newly formed volunteer cleaning team. A new mop to be purchased.

3. Correspondence

No correspondence received.

4. Safeguarding

(i) There have been no incidents to report.

(ii) An Art Group has been added to the Safeguarding list of users of the Church.

(iii) A question was raised if sides-people were required to undergo basic safeguarding and DBS checks. To be investigated.

5. Churchwarden's Report

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

(i) The second Lent lunch is tomorrow (17th March).

(ii) The organ service to take place after April.

(iii) Fire Alarms to be tested on 07.04.26 at 9.00 am.

6. Treasurer's Report

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

There were no questions raised. A thank you to the Treasurer for preparing the end of year accounts and when they are ready a short PCC meeting will be held at the end of a forthcoming Sunday Service for approval.

Clifford Owen asked for any finance matters be received by 26th March deadline for inclusion in the April edition of Hartford Connects.

7. Deanery Synod

The latest Deanery Synod report (11.02.26) had been previously circulated to the PCC.

(I) It was now a requirement to name all those in attendance.

(ii) A question was raised about Safeguarding support from the Deanery. This is still a work in progress.

8. Diocesan Report

Elaine Levitt gave the report of the Diocesan Synod meeting held on 14.03.26 and stated that there are several changes ahead in the Diocese including the departure of Bishop Dagmar and the installation of Bishop Sarah on 21.06.26 at Ely.

9. Annual Report & APCM

Subject to a few small amendments, the Annual Report was proposed by Geoff Boucher, seconded by Elaine Levitt and approved by the PCC Committee.

All the contributors were thanked for their input.

APCM matters were in hand.

10. Holy Week

The Church will be open at various times on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning for the Stations of the Cross depicting a journey through the events of Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday Service is at 7.00 pm. Good Friday meditations at 12.00 and All Age Worship at St Mary's Houghton

11. Electoral Roll

Sharmaine Anthony, Gemma Bleyswyke and Elliot Kai Tjornhoj-Thomsen inclusion on the Electoral Roll was approved.

12. Eucharist for Ordinary Time

The documentation was circulated to the PCC prior to the meeting and discussed. Proposed by Geoff Boucher, seconded by Sue Craven and all were in agreement to have the service booklet printed after Pentecost.

13. Hartford Connects

(i) After thanking his team, Clifford Owen stated that it cannot be assumed that everyone is on-line and suggested that between 10 – 20 hard copies be printed for those specifically needing a hard copy.

(ii) A discussion followed on finding a balance between advertising Social/Fundraising Events and information about the wider activities of the Church including invitations to special one-off 'worship' events and services.

Proposed by Geoff Boucher, seconded by Sue Craven and all agreed that Hartford Connects should not just be restricted to Social/Fundraising Events.

14. WOPCU

It emerged from this successful event that our once strong links to Trinity Church, Oxmoor could be restored especially in light of the evaporation of CTHG.

15. Any Other Business

(i) Arrangements for the Tapestry Concert on 09.05.26 were discussed. The tickets will be £10 including half-time refreshments. There will be a raffle. Tickets will be printed and sold as before.

(ii) It is still our intention that the 'open' Church and events of Thy Kingdom Come will take place and be discussed further.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm with the PCC Committee sharing the Grace.

The date of the next PCC Committee Meeting is to be confirmed.