

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HARTFORD
MINUTES OF THE PCC MEETING HELD ON 10TH AUGUST 2026
IN THE CHURCH ROOM AT 7.00 PM**

Present: Rev'd Geoff Boucher, Elaine Levitt, Sue Craven, Neil Pedlar, Bev McCallum, Susan Tooby, Lesley Grant, Tony Humes, Colin Jones, Mary Adlam, Mary Hill.

There were apologies of absence from Pam Clark, Rev'd Steph Pedlar and Rev'd Clifford Owen.

The meeting opened with Geoff Boucher leading us in prayer.

1. The minutes of the PCC Meeting held on 29.06.26 were approved.

2. Matters Arising

(i) 4:2 Kathy Radley has come forward to fulfil the role of First Aider.

(ii) 4:2 Contact details of a possible future First Aid course were provided by Mary Adlam.

(iii) 2:1 Paul Slater has been contacted. He has now retired but is happy to act in an advisory capacity. A meeting to be arranged.

3. Correspondence

No correspondence received.

4. Safeguarding

(i) The current 'Safeguarding Policy Promoting a Safer Church' had been previously circulated to the PCC and was due for review. After discussing the statements, the policy was proposed by Colin Jones, seconded by Elaine Levitt and all were in agreement to accept the policy as is with updating of dates.

(ii) A copy of the Contact Helplines to be more prominently displayed on the noticeboards.

(iii) Patrick Hawkins has offered to help with the Safeguarding Dashboard and administration.

5. Church Warden's Report

The Church Warden's Report and Health and Safety Report had been previously circulated to the PCC. A step ladder has been purchased to improve safety for higher work. There still remains a vacancy for a second Church Warden.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

The report had been previously circulated. One amendment: 'Our investments are **NOT** yielding increases as we would hope...' CCLA investments continue to be monitored. There were no further questions.

7. **Deanery Synod**

The minutes of the Deanery Synod 08.07.26 had been previously circulated. Due to retirement there will be a reconfiguration of North Leightonstone Parishes that may involve the Hartford and Houghton Parishes.

8. **Bin Storage**

Neil Pedlar has offered to demolish and dispose of the existing bin store that is no longer fit for purpose. Payment was agreed.

9. **Air Conditioning**

(i) In anticipation of next year's summer, it was agreed research should start now for the supply and fit of an air conditioning unit to improve the conditions of the Church Room for all its users.

(ii) The issues of the Church Room acoustics to also be investigated.

10. **Stewardship (Time, Talents, Treasure)**

Following discussion, it was agreed that the sermons on 4 October 2026 and 11 October 2026 will focus on the theme of '**Stewardship**'.

On Saturday morning 17 October 2026 there will be an open invitation to attend a training session for readers and intercessors, as well as for anyone interested in exploring other ways in which their talents and gifts can be offered in the service of the Church.

11. **Any Other Business**

(i) David Bennett's application for enrolment on the Church Electoral Roll has been received. Proposer: Geoff Boucher, Seconder: Sue Craven, all agreed.

(ii) Geoff Boucher to contact the Town Council about the deteriorating state of the Church path.

(iii) An offer has been made to purchase equipment to pump water from the river for watering the roses. However, following investigation, this was found not to be feasible as we would be unable to run the necessary pipes across public pathways and third-party land.

(iv) We have been asked to offer Carol Peilow, who is already a Licensed Lay Minister (LLM), a placement as she prepares for ordination. Geoff Boucher will be meeting with her shortly to discuss the arrangements.

There being no other business the meeting ended at 8.15 pm with the PCC sharing the Grace.

The date of the next PCC Committee Meeting is Monday 28th September 2026.

Amendment to the date of the next PCC Meeting: Monday 5th October 2026.