

St Michael the Archangel, West Hill
Bringing Jesus Christ to our Community

Minutes of the PCC meeting

held on Wednesday 18 September 2024 at 7:30 pm in the Narthex

Attendees:

The Revd Mark Ward (Chair), The Revd Mac Dick (Vice Chair)
Joanna Bromley (Treasurer),
Sue Lock (Deanery Synod Reps),
John Davies (Electoral Roll Officer),
Sue Ritchie (Safeguarding Officer),
Pam Baker (Health and Safety Officer), Rosemary Hudson (Eco-Church),
Matt Gardner (Standing C'ttee) Coral King,
Ann Pangbourne (Minutes Secretary, Diocesan Synod Rep)

1 Mark welcomed the PCC and spoke about the busyness he was currently experiencing, which he also witnessed in the lives many of the church members, and of the full programme in the coming season ahead of the church with fundraising for Give-To-Go-Green and the NACRE Project. He said that for him Psalm 46 had meant a lot with the words "Be still and know that I am God" and he read the Psalm to us.

Psalms 46:1-11 (RSV) God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God will help her right early. The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has wrought desolations in the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, he burns the chariots with fire! "Be still, and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth!" The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Mark then prayed that we would know the God of Jacob to be our refuge.

2 **Apologies** were received from The Revd Ann Turner, Ann Yates (Licensed Reader), Pam Johns, Fiona Rimmer (Church Wardens), Sue Bonnie (Deanery Synod Rep)

3 **Minutes of the PCC meeting on 17 July 2024.**

A draft copy had been previously circulated and no amendments were offered. The minutes were agreed and a fair copy signed.

ACTION

Tricia Lynch/
AP

4 **Matters Arising**

4.1 Outstanding issues

a) Priest in Charge Board

Pam Johns had sent an update to the effect that the Men's Shed could make a board but not do the lettering. There was renewed discussion about whether a second board was needed.

Ann Pangbourne had found a sign writer in Somerset and would give the information to Pam Johns.

b) Filling the vacant place on the PCC. Highlight in Church notices

c) Need for someone to update the MAP. No volunteers was forthcoming

d) Appointment of PCC Secretary

i) the need for someone to mastermind the Annual Report & posting of legal notices

Joanna Bromley offered to do this

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JB

4.2 Updates

a) Magnolia & other tree work

David Lynch has pruned the lower branches with help from Fiona Rimmer
Sue Lock will speak to the tree surgeon again when he visits her.



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b) Harvest Thanksgiving & lunch 29 Sept

Harvest Gifts dry goods will go to the Foodbank. Highlight in Church notices
Ann Pangbourne will head up the lunch.



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PCC members were asked to provide most of the items for lunch
as per a circulated sign-up list



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5 Written and Verbal Reports

5.1 Churchwardens Report

A previously circulated report from Fiona Rimmer was noted. The seriousness of the current repeat water leak was highlighted. Someone to find the leak has been contacted but is not able to come until early October.

5.2 NACRE project

a) **Quick Wins Grant** Richard Bonnie has applied for this for the Roof Repair

b) **Give to Go Green** begins on Friday with a variety of activities. Approximately £27,000 is needed for these works. The Diocese will match up to £10,000 raised. Sue Doggett has spoken to Mark about praying as a Church, but the current monthly Church Prayer meeting is poorly attended. Mac suggested praying after a service in the Sanctuary. No decision was made.

c) **Fundraising for Work Packages.** Nothing further to report

5.3 Finance Report. A printed copy of the current Financial Position was circulated.

The current deficit is £2,766 and the 2024 deficit forecast as of 31/08 is £7,241

This is less than previously thought

Give to Go Green donations can be Gift Aided but the Gift Aid will not form part of the Give to Go Green total.

Two legacies have been given amounting to around £4k

a) **Partners in Mission.** A list had been previously circulated. It was agreed to support 4 missions and review in a year.

It was suggested that charities with a larger income would benefit proportionally less from the small amount we can offer (10% of our planned giving) so from the eight suggested, the ones chosen were

Hospiscare (local); The06 (our Mission Community); Mercy Ships (International); UCCF (local: SW Staff Worker).



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5.4 Safeguarding Report and Action Plan

These had been previously circulated.

Sue Ritchie reported that a lot had changed in the few days since these went out.

The Dashboard has been updated and now makes her job much easier.

Currently our "score" is 98% but in going through the 12 areas regarding following guidance in roles that involve substantial contact with children, young people or vulnerable adults the meeting agreed all were being followed. This should bring our "score" back to 100%.

5.5 Fundraising Results

Sue Lock's Open Garden had raised £340 which she plans to give via G2GG

The Church stalls at the Village Fete raised in the region of £400

6 Mission

6.1 **Evangelism and Christianity Explored.** A positive report from Ann Turner was noted, following the start of the Christianity Explored course on Sept 9th. She said that the team were grateful for and conscious of the strong prayer support of many people in the congregation.

6.2 Mission Action Plan

a) **Schedule of next items to be reviewed.** The Leaders of sections are asked to report back to the next PCC meeting

b) **Pastoral Care.** We have more need than we have capacity to provide. Home Communion is being provided by Pam Baker and Ann Turner.

c) **Eco Church The Bat evening** went well, with a number of families who had not been before. The monitor picked up a number of varieties of bat. Just under £100 was raised.

c.i) **EV Parking.** Thank were expressed to Richard Bonnie for his work on this and the Quick Win grant for the roof repair.

Two concerns were expressed: the length of contract and the reduction of parking space. A formal decision is yet to be made but the PCC agreed that Richard should be asked to press on and explore the Forward EV proposal but that, before a contract is agreed, the Diocesan Legal Team should be asked to look at it and advise the PCC.

7 Governance

Health and Safety. No incidents had been recorded although a few people had reported being stung by wasps inside the church.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 **Calendar Events.** An updated Calendar had been circulated.

a) **Simply Worship** had a small attendance on the last occasion.

The next is scheduled for Nov 14 if it is wanted.

b) **Christmas Services**

Christingle service	Thursday 19 Dec at 4:30pm to be taken by Mac		
Carol Service	Sunday 22 Dec at 6:30pm FR & PJ to confirm whether they would like to take this again	→	PJ/FR
Crib Service	Christmas Eve at 4:30pm to be taken by Mac		
Midnight Communion	Christmas Eve to be taken by MW		
Christmas Day	9am Holy Communion if AT is willing and able to take it		
	10am All-Age service to be taken by Mac (tbc)	→	AT
Sunday 29 Dec	10am SoW to be taken by MW	→	MD

8.2 a) **Attracting Families back to 3SS - next agenda**

b) **Cafe Church** Coral needs to put down leadership of this. Matt Gardner will be the new leader.

c) **Car Park.** Ladies Probus is on the second Tuesday of the month at the British Legion and they have asked if they could use the Church Car Park for overflow parking. This was agreed, with the proviso that they would be informed if the space was needed for a service or Church event.

Dates of PCC meetings

Standing Committee meetings will be arranged on an ad-hoc basis when required.

PCC meeting dates as previously agreed:

Wednesday 20 November 2024

Wednesday 22 January 2025

Wednesday 19 March 2025

Sunday 18 May 2025 for APCM

Provisional dates for May 2025 onwards tba

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