

Minutes of PCC 12th January 2026

Final - approved at the 11th March 2026 PCC meeting.

Item	Subject	Action
1	<p>Welcome and opening prayer</p> <p>Present: Moses Barker (MB), John Bramson (JB), Pete Burns (PB), Richard Burns (RB), Adriaan Goosen (AG), Chris Henriette (CH), Tanya Hilborne (TH), Clare Johnson (CJ), Fran Lechler (FL), James Murdoch (JaM), John Murray (JoM), Conway Tearle (CT), Sue Tearle (ST).</p> <p>Guests: Archdeacon Chigor Chike, Ann Lorek (AL - Parish Safeguarding Officer)</p> <p>PB chaired. The archdeacon opened with prayer.</p>	
2	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Kirabo Frewin (KF), Simon Frewin (SF), John Stevens (JS), Peter Watson (PW)</p> <p>Also absent: Louise Grace (LG)</p>	
3	<p>Declarations of interest</p> <p>None</p>	
4	<p>Acceptance of AOB</p> <p>None</p>	
5	<p>Approval of minutes</p> <p>PCC 12 November 2025 minutes. Proposed by JaM, seconded by RB, all attendees in favour.</p>	JoM - ask Parish Administrator to publish on website
6	<p>Matters arising from minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● #5 - September 2025 minutes published.● #9 - new front door and posts for 56 Weigall Road ready and will be fitted when weather is warmer.● #10 - St Peters gardening contract cancelled.● #13 - additional policies required by new diocesan DBS processor reviewed by Standing Committee, circulated to PCC and approved by a simple majority.	
7	<p>Standing Committee minutes</p> <p>Received</p>	
8	<p>Safeguarding update</p> <p>Verbal report from AL (PSO) and CH. Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● We are complying with policies and procedures.● Transfer to new diocesan DBS provider is underway.● Full review of our processes is planned for March.● One new referral made since last PCC. Occurred during Christmas holiday period; diocesan team unavailable so initial referral made to Lewisham council team.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Of the approx 40 parishioners required to undertake training (online) 8 have yet to complete their domestic abuse module, and 1 their foundation module. Parish Administrator continues to chase about this. ● We have completed Level 1 of the new diocesan dashboard and are now working on Level 2. <p>Short discussion of how to improve training uptake and process.</p> <p>PCC's thanks minuted to AL for ongoing service as PSO.</p>	
9	<p>Youth worker proposal</p> <p>CH presented initial proposal, circulated in advance as a paper, for part-time post with 3 aspects: children; youth; Trinity Secondary school partnership (evolving from Flourish pilot). PCC discussed hours, pay rate, line management, duration, requirement re religious affiliation.</p> <p>Motion to proceed with development of the proposal: proposed CH, seconded CJ, all in favour.</p>	CH - work on proposal and take it to February SC
10	<p>Finance report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Administrator pay rise approval: proposed ST, seconded RB, all in favour. ● TH presented draft 2025 figures showing the budgeted 24k deficit has been almost entirely avoided. ● TH summarised 2026 budget (already discussed by SC) and formally proposed it to PCC. Seconded by AG, all in favour. ● Paper about reserves had been circulated to PCC by TH. PCC to decide in March the amount to put in the reserves policy. 	<p>TH - implement administrator pay rise.</p> <p>TH - propose reserve figure to March PCC.</p>
11	<p>Fabric report</p> <p>ST presented paper circulated in advance. Since that report the GS gardening contract has been renewed with the same provider and at the same price as 2025.</p>	
12	<p>Quinquennial report</p> <p>GS only. Full report (42 pages) had been circulated to PCC alongside a structured summary (10 pages) created by JaM. No critical issues. JaM also presented a proposal to seek volunteers with DIY skills plus a coordinator (also voluntary) within 3 months, failing which to assemble some projects to offer to contractors. Seconded by AG, all in favour.</p>	<p>JaM - action the proposal.</p> <p>?? - request report from SPMG.</p>

	SP no longer requires quinquennials. Ask SPMG for an equivalent report on SP.	
13	<p>Review of Christmas events</p> <p>Verbal report from CH (attendance, change on 2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FUSS Christmas Fair ● Christingle service (181, +17) ● Trinity School communion ● Pub carols ● Community carols (128, -9) - led by Ian Butcher and a group of musicians ● Lighting the Lamps 1 (410, +38) - huge turnout; good crowd control and buggy control; may need to consider issuing tickets (free) next year ● Lighting the Lamps 2 (212, -40) ● Midnight (84, +22) ● Christmas morning (115, -36) ● Epiphany (c. 100, about twice the size of last year) 	
14	<p>APCM planning</p> <p>APCM on 10/5/26 proposed by PB, seconded AG, all in favour. TH will be unable to attend.</p> <p>Give opportunities for people to consider reports in advance of APCM. Try circulating some FAQs, and encourage questions to be submitted ahead of the meeting.</p>	
15	<p>Report from diocesan synod</p> <p>Circulated by JaM in advance, and presented briefly.</p>	
16	<p>Health and Safety update</p> <p>Verbal report by CH. Catrin Cox is updating procedures, signage etc.</p>	
17	<p>GDPR compliance</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
18	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>As circulated.</p>	
19	<p>AOB</p> <p>None.</p>	
20	<p>Date of next meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 11/3/26 ● 10/5/26 - APCM - PCC members encouraged to attend 	
16	<p>Closing prayer</p> <p>Archdeacon Chigor closed with prayer.</p>	