

The Parish of Ordsall and Retford St Michael

Minutes of the Thursday 15th January 2026
Meeting of Ordsall and Retford, St Michael Parochial Church Council
held in St Michael's Community Hall at 7.00pm.

1. Opening Prayer Action
2. **Attendance:** Revd. Alex, Nigel Bower, Don Phillips, John Chambers, Rachel Waby, Gill Glover, Tessa Rolph, Kerry Rawlings, Michael Goffin, John Pugh, Kenny Newstead, Chris Porter, Paul Hardman. *Alison Thorpe*
3. **Apologies received from:** Maxine Fisher, Steve Thorpe.
4. Minutes of the PCC meeting held on 20th November 2025 to be agreed as a true record:
Proposed: Don Phillips **Seconded:** John Pugh For 12 1 abstention
5. **Matters Arising not coming up on this Agenda:**
6. **Safeguarding:**
Parish Worship Group - (18 years +) led by Steve Thorpe
Hand Bell Ringers - (18 years +) led by Kane Marsh
There are no vulnerable adults within these groups. Paul Richards is checking the Bell Ringers risk assessment document and drawing up a new Hand Bell Ringers risk assessment document. PR
Motion: *It was proposed by Don Phillips that the PCC should approve the following new church activities, Hand Bell Ringing and the Parish Worship Group.*
Proposed: Don Phillips **Seconded:** Nigel Bower Unanimous
Everyone was happy to go ahead in principle with the proposed Pancake Party at All Hallows.
Health and Safety: The 'Garden Gang' at All Hallows - the risk assessments will be sent to John Pugh to check if anything will need to be added to them.
7. **Fabric & Finance:**
All Hallows - Fabric and Finance Report
Kenny Newstead has researched the companies that sent quotations for work on the church rooves. He recommended that we go with Steve Needham's quotation of £1,700.
Motion: *This PCC is happy to accept the quotation for the Church rooves at All Hallows and St. Michael's.*
Proposed: Revd. Alex **Seconded:** John Chambers Unanimous
Pinnacle Repair: Peter Thomas has started researching grants for further work on the Tower. We are eligible to apply to Benefact Trust early in 2026. We received a grant from Benefact in 2024 and are not allowed to apply again until 2 years from the date of the grant being received. Peter has asked them when the 2 years expires and also if we can apply when some work has started.
Both Benefact Trust and National Churches Trust require some funds in place before we can apply. For NCT it is 50% and for Benefact 30% of the cost.
For this work based on Bridgett's quote of £2300 + Scaffold erection + VAT, say £2500 that would be £1500 (NCT) and £900 (Benefact) including VAT.
Both NCT and Benefact will only fund 50% of the cost so other grants will have to found if we need to cover 100% of the cost.
After a short discussion the following proposal was decided upon.
Motion: We have funds available for the repair. We are satisfied that the work is needed and we are happy that the quotation we have received is reasonable.
Proposed: Revd. Alex **Seconded:** Nigel Bower Unanimous

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Asbestos Management Survey:

Quotations received from the Tersus Group and Inspectas to carry out the Asbestos Management Surveys on All Hallows Church and hall.

Tersus Group Price for the Church is £595 Excluding VAT

Tersus Group Price for the hall is £595 Excluding VAT

Inspectas Price for the Church is £450 Excluding VAT

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After a short discussion it was decided to accept the quotation from Inspectas.

Motion: *This PCC agrees to accept the quotation from Inspectas for All Hallows Church of £450 excluding VAT, and for the Church Hall of £450, excluding VAT.*

Proposed: Tessa Rolph **Seconded:** Revd. Alex

Smart Water: a quotation has been received from Darren Preston for the application of the SelectaDNA metal marking system on the Church Rooves.

The prices are:

a) On the roof of All Hallows Church, Church Lane, Ordsall, Retford.

b) On the gutters / downpipes and earthing metals on All Hallows Church, Church Lane, Ordsall, Retford.

£1,200 Plus VAT

a) On the roof of St. Michaels Church and adjoining Hall, Bridgegate, Retford.

b) On the gutters / downpipes and earthing metals on St. Michaels Church, Bridgegate, Retford.

£1,200 Plus VAT

On the roof of All Hallows Church Hall, Church Lane, Ordsall, Retford.

This will be discussed further with Darren Preston.

Savannah Rags - this is no longer operating.

Motion: *This PCC agrees to remove the Savannah Rags Bin from outside Ordsall Parish Hall.*

Proposed: Revd. Alex **Seconded:** Nigel Bower Unanimous

Fabric and Finance - St Michael's: Nigel Bower reported that the carpet laying was almost finished. A few more carpet tiles were still needed. Everyone in the congregation seemed to be pleased with it.

Finance:

8. **Vicar's Update:** Our Churches had a good Christmas. There is evidence that we are making some connections with many younger people in attendance.

The latest Vision Meeting was very positive - with the theme being Welcome, Worship and Witness. **Revd. Alex will send out the minutes.**

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New Sound desk - this will be funded from the Growing Disciples Fund which we have been approved for.

There have been discussions re the Family Communion Service at All Hallows and having Morning Prayer on Wednesdays possibly alternating with Holy Communion?

There are plans to have a Pancake Party at All Hallows.

Revd. Alex is hopeful that he might be able to source a donkey for the Palm Sunday Service at St Michael's.

Both of our Churches are registered with Eco Church. (*Eco Church is a scheme run by A Rocha UK, equipping churches to care for God's creation through their worship, buildings, land, community engagement, and individual lifestyles.*)

Energy Use - another meeting is coming up (Vision)

Holy Communion at All Hallows - Revd. Simon used a separate chalice for those in the

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congregation who are gluten intolerant, which worked well.

21st June there will be a Joint Service in the Market Square - including a Music Event.

St Michael's Patronal Festival- 27th September

All Hallows Patronal Festival - 1st November

Grammarly is a free language writing assistant software tool. It reviews the spelling, grammar, and tone of a piece of writing. Revd. Alex is finding this useful.

9. **Health and Safety Report:** The annual risk assessment and report for St Michael's are due this month. As a new carpet is being installed during this period, it would be more practical to carry out the assessment once the installation is complete.

10. **Upcoming Events and Planning - 2027 church anniversaries**

There will be a meeting to discuss this further.

11. **Confidentiality -**

12. **Correspondence:**

13. **Any other Business:**

14. **Dates of next meetings:**

Fabric and Finance - St Michael's 19th February 2026 in St Michael's Community Hall at 7.00pm.

St Michael's 14th April 2026 in St Michael's Community Hall at 7.00pm.

All Hallows 26th February 2026 in All Hallows Church at 7.00pm.

All Hallows 16th April 2026 in All Hallows Church at 7.00pm

PCC Meeting Thursday 12th March 2026 in All Hallows Church at 7.00 pm.

APCM Sunday 26th April, at 12.30pm in All Hallows Church

15. Our meeting ended with The Grace.