

**PCC Meeting St Faith's
Draft Minutes V2
12th March 2025**

Present: Yvonne Mullins, Ann White, Mo Wakley, Stephen Creasey, Anne Robinson, Richard Robinson, John White, Linda Church, Nigel Titley, Jackie Brown, Gail Dowdle

1) Open with Prayer

Yvonne opened in prayer

2) Apologies

John Dietsch

3) Approval of minutes 15th January 2025

3. Steven should be Stephen

8. Maudy should be Maundy

14. Anne should be Ann

15 c) Space missing between "place" and "Richard"

4) Matters arising

The whole of the PCC needs to do the first part of the Safeguarding course (Basic awareness). Ongoing. **Action Nigel.**

Anne will submit an article to The Pump about the bell rehangng which Nigel will help with. Ongoing. **Action Nigel and Anne.**

John will organise a working party to try fitting the chair feet. Organised for 21st March. **Action Nigel/John**

The Quinquennial needs to be done. Stephen to contact Alan Frost and book it in. Waiting for the report. Send out to PCC when received. Discharged. **Action Stephen.**

We need to notify the Pump of the Church near You link. Richard will revamp his article and send to the Pump. Ongoing. **Action Richard.**

Updating the gas meter to a smart meter. Overtaken by events. **Action Ann.**

It might be worth looking at putting a safety rope on the tower staircase. Stephen will talk to Alan Frost about how this might be done. Try fixing the rope and put a notice at the bottom. **Action Stephen**

Give heater element details to John D and Stephen. Discharged. **Action Nigel.**

Move the Christmas tree and store it above the toilet. Discharged. **Action John D.**

Organise moving the clavinova into the vestry. Discharged. **Action Anne.**

Arrange for PAT testing to take place. Discharged. **Action Richard.**

5) Correspondence

None received.

6) Church Maintenance

(a) Heating

Boost Saturday temperature to 12C to give us a better start for Sunday.

(b) Security

Functioning. Alex and Judith will need to deactivate alarms when they go onto the roof.

(c) Bells

Form a sub-committee to consider way forward for the bells. Awaiting Pump article. **Action Nigel.**

(d) AV system (including internet)

Need to re-establish the sub group as there are a number of items that need looking at. Discharged. **Action Richard.**

(e) Other

We need to do something about the pigeons roosting on the tower. Two quotes received. It is suggested that this be left until the quinquennial to enable us to use the scaffolding. **Action Stephen**

Proposal to ask Alan Frost to draw up a specification for the masonry work on the west face of the tower. **Action Stephen.**

7) Mission and Development

We have had a grant from the Deanery for Forest Church. The equipment has been ordered and will be delivered shortly. It is proposed that baptismal candles will be presented at Forest Church in the future.

World day of Prayer was good.

Tonight we will have "Come and See" in the Free Church.

We will be organising the Benefice action plan as a benefice. Probably over an afternoon bracketed by meals.

Mothering Sunday will be at Swanbourne. Flowers etc to be left to Yvonne to organise.

8) Special Services

14th -16th Linda will do Compline.

Maundy Thursday Yvonne will do foot washing.

Good Friday walk of witness led by Jane.

Easter Sunday will start with the sunrise service and then Holy Communion followed by the baptism of Freddie. Linda will officiate.

VE celebration. Afternoon tea on the 10th May. Bells will be rung (6.30 on the 8th).

The church will be open on the 8th and we will make candles and refreshments available.

9) Ministry team

Nothing

10) Churchwarden's business

Grass has been planted

Handles for vestry filing cabinet.

New LED strip for step outside toilet.

Cover made for TV

Asked Sylvie and Barry if they would be willing to be added to the opening rota.

Richard Molding will keep on top of the cow parsley

Cups from mouse drawer have been washed.

Val will host prayer breakfast if needed.

Ivy on the back path needs cutting back. Contact Richard. **Action John W**

A lot of the material in the filing cabinet needs to be thrown out. **Action Anne.**

Waiting for grass cutting quotes. **Action John W**

11) Deanery Synod

Problem with replacing the officers. No takers. Meeting was curtailed as none of the presenters was able to come. Gavin Merrylees offered to take over temporarily as lay chair. Next meeting 2nd July.

12) Shared responsibility

(a) Churches Together

Has met.

Lunches have been thrown back to us. We'll have a bring and share picnic on the 3rd August in the Rectory gardens (Newton Longville).

We'll do the balloon animals and biscuit decorating for the Village show as usual.

Should the meetings be more frequent? At the moment it is twice a year.

(b) Songs and Rhymes

Now closed.

(c) School

Should be under Mission and Development in the future.

Open the Book is going very well.

There is a proposal to hold a Passion Play, in church, as their Easter service (4th April). Will film it and make it available, initially to parents.

There will be a pizza(?) party for the Open the Book team and then can move on to something once a month.

Might develop an after school club with crafts and a story once a week/month starting in June/July.

13) Safeguarding

None received

14) Financial Matters

(a) General Fund

The machine in church has raised £166 for December and January. We have agreed to purchase it.

£3500 was downloaded from the Aviva account to put towards utilities, hence the rather large running balance of £9004.85.

We have changed insurance companies to Trinitas and will be remarking with the new security water.

Friends of St Faith's have given us £414 towards new flags (two St George and one Diocese).

(b) Aviva

Some fall in the value probably due to the world situation.

15) AOB

Confirm date of APCM and put in place arrangements for new electoral roll 11th May in church at 12pm. David Thomas will progress this. Anne has started to chase existing members.

The fund raising team will meet on the 1st April. 14.00 at 5 Lilac Close.

Should we be charging for streaming funerals? Proposed to charge £70 for streaming and recording funerals.

Alan Frost will not be doing our quinquennial next time as he is retiring. We will find a new architect.

16) Future Dates

APCM meeting May 11th 12.00am Church
PCC meeting May 11th 12.30am Church (after APCM)
PCC meeting July 9th 7.45pm Church
PCC meeting September 10th 7.45pm TBA
PCC meeting November 12th 7.45pm TBA

17)Close in prayer

Jackie closed in prayer.