

**PCC Meeting St Faith's
Minutes
Draft 1
10th September 2025**

Present: Yvonne Mullins, Linda Church, Anne Robinson, Nigel Titley, Stephen Creasey, Mo Wakley, Ann White, John White

1) Open with Prayer

Yvonne opened in prayer

2) Apologies

John Dietsch, Jackie Brown, Gail Dowdle, Richard Robinson

3) Approval of minutes 9th July 2025

Remove "working balance"

"Common" should be "Commonwealth"

Agreed otherwise

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 rehangings which Nigel will help with. Discharged. **Action Nigel and Anne**.

Look at putting a safety rope on the tower staircase. A visit has been made to Wingrave. It was felt that it might be useful. Need to check the length of the ropes available. Ongoing. **Action Stephen**

Ivy on the back path needs cutting back. Has been cut back as part of routine maintenance. Discharged. **Action John W**

Need to register with "Ride and Stride". Rota will be sorted out. Hot drinks and biscuits will be provided. Discharged. **Action Ann White**

Carpet replacement. Only one supplier quoted. Try Chapel Carpets I Heath and Reach. Chapel has quoted with a reasonable quote. Agreed. Ongoing. **Action Mo**

Common War Graves will send us a notice to put up in the Churchyard if we apply for it. Stephen will apply. Ongoing. **Action Stephen**

We have a grant from the PC to cut the grass and they want us to look at the quotes we have had as they seem a little high. Requests for quotes has gone out. Ongoing. **Action John W.**

5) Correspondence

None received

6) Church Maintenance

(a) Heating

Put heating on for Sunday.

(b) Security

Been checked over.

(c) Bells

Form a sub-committee to consider way forward for the bells. Moving forward and we will request a requote from Nicholson's. Ongoing. **Action Nigel**.

(d) AV system (including internet)

No change

(e) Other

We need to do something about the pigeons roosting on the tower. Waiting for the faculty. Ongoing. **Action Stephen**

Proposal to ask Alan Frost to draw up a specification for the masonry work on the west face of the tower. Spec has been drawn up and he is awaiting tenders from suppliers. Try applying for a grant for the work. **Action Stephen.**

Talk to Richard Moulding about widening the path at the back. Richard is not willing to do this. It may well be wide enough. Delay until spring. Ongoing.

Action John W.

Joining fittings on chairs need to be removed for those chairs in the aisles.

Action Stephen.

Guttering needs checking and clearing. Talk to Alex. **Action John W.**

7) Mission and Development

(a) School

New teachers have started including an RE coordinator. Excellent response to "Open the book" initial meeting.

The ministry team is going into the school twice a week.

(b) MAP planning day is the 18th October at the Free Church.

(c) Craft morning on the 28th October in church. Linda will organise.

(d) Other

Advent course? Yvonne and Linda will discuss. Ongoing. **Action Yvonne**

8) Special Services

Harvest Service 5th October (Bring and share lunch in church afterwards).

In Memoriam 26th October.

Remembrance service 9th November.

Nine Lessons and Carols 21st December.

Carols round the tree 15th December (if Secklow Brass available). Speak to

Crooked Billet. Need to clarify the position on food. No decision as yet. Get copies (150) of the latest Bethlehem Carol sheet, to be shared with Free Church. Ongoing.

Action Stephen.

Crib service 24th December.

Midnight service 24th December. Linda to decide time.

Christmas morning 9.30. Should we invite the Free Church (Churches together).

Benefice service 28th December. Venue to be decided.

Covenant Service 4th January

Holy week as per usual.

9) Ministry team

Nothing to discuss

10) Churchwarden's business

Open Gates NL page is due next week. We will use the Storytelling page that was published in The Pump.

11) Deanery Synod

6th November in Mursley Church.

12) Shared responsibility

(a) Churches Together

No meeting until the 23rd September at 10am.

13)Safeguarding

Nothing

14)Financial Matters

(a) General Fund

General account stands at £9067.42. Just over £4000 is available. Proposal is to pay another £2000 of the share. This was agreed. We will still be £10,000 short on the share.

Our bank account has been changed to a Charities account.

(b) Aviva

Stands at £53,148. Our advisor is suggesting that our portfolio is restructured to reflect our requirements. It was agreed to go with his recommendation.

Proposed Ann, Seconded Stephen.

(c) FoSF has an account with £2782 in it which we will use to pay for the pigeon netting.

15)AOB

Add Linda and Jane to the PCC mailing list. **Action Nigel**

For the band concert we need drinks at the interval (one free drink). Also a raffle (need to solicit donations from the congregation). **Action Yvonne (drinks)**

Nibbles and soft drinks for the interval. **Action Richard.**

Ask Bishop to the Benefice service at NL on 30th November

16)Future Dates

PCC meeting November 12th 7.45pm School Drive

17)Close in prayer

We closed with the grace.