



## All St George's Church Wash Common PCC Meeting 25 March 2025 MINUTES

### The following documents were circulated before the meeting:

- PCC Away Day - Follow up Meeting Notes 26 Feb 2025
- PCC Minutes 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025 (item 3)
- Health & Safety Policy (item 5)
- Finance update end June 2024 (Item 7)
- Annual Report and Accounts (Item 8)
- Safeguarding Report (item 11a)
- List of Church and Non-Church Activities for approval (item 11b)

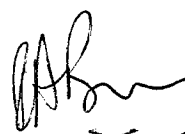
### St George's Vision Statement

At St George's Church we are called by God and inspired by Jesus to encourage and equip one another to grow in faith and love, serving the community of Wash Common, reaching out to all people, especially those in need, and being good and faithful stewards of our gifts and the world's resources.

1		<b>Opening prayer led by Rev. Becky Bevan</b>
2		<b>Apologies for absence:</b> CF, RW, HH, SP, John H, Jon Houghton (JonHo) <b>Present:</b> Rev Becky Bevan, Rita Ball, Kathy Winrow, Emma Moffatt, Francis Clayton, Ronnie Herd, Robin Clugston, John Bolan, Linda Ling  <b>Any Conflicts of Interest?</b> None mentioned
3		<b>Minutes of the previous meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025.</b>  No amendments – minutes signed off Updates on Action Points and any Matters Arising.
4		<b>Vision and Outreach Pories for 2025 and beyond</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Follow up from PCC Away Day – Strategy and Priorities (BB) Draft Vision Summary revisited with RH additional comments discussion around how we encapsulate our 'target' groups. Difficult to define age groups. JB mentioned activity around new development – get someone into Stakeholder group.</li><li>• Listening Prayer to commence on 29th April facilitated by RB, plus encouragement to those unable to attend to pray where they are.</li><li>• Church Lunch - Task group with RH, LL re 8th June Church Bring &amp; Share Lunch with presentations/displays from church groups. Next actions – planning and speaking to group leaders. See AOB below.</li><li>• Church renovation Project – Steering Group (BB) PCC acknowledged at away day that we can't project manage this on our own and must recruit an external professional. To make this appointment we need an in-house task group with an urgent focus to get the project to commissioning stage. BB has offered to chair this task group for phase 1 to get the project out of the starting blocks. Proposal is that the group includes: one churchwarden; a secretary (a key role in organising meetings and ensuring actions are clear and monitored); client expert representative Phillip Bevan RIBA; finance person; and someone to lead on communications and funding. JB commented that the group needs to stay small and suggested 5 people might be preferable. BB agreed. Meetings to be frequent (fortnightly?) to begin with. PCC unanimously approved the proposal. <b>Action:</b> after Easter BB to begin to recruit the group members by open recruitment for Secretary, Finance, Coms/funding roles.</li></ul>

5		<b>Policy Review:</b>  Health and Safety Policy (RH) - not yet completed, then needs to confer with Alison Gill and bring back to PCC. Data Security Action point: (RH/LL) RH will take action to on next steps.
6		<b>Electoral Roll update (BB)</b>  All seems to be going well so far with plenty of forms already received.
7		<b>Finance update, Standing Item (FC)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>February 2025 Finance Update – currently positive (£6k in the black) due to insurance payout relating to heat pump. Still outstanding on compensation. Giving income good £12,500 inc GA. Facilities and events income less than forecast. Bank balance is currently a healthy £50k.</li> <li>Church and Hall account merger update – all has gone ahead and is a positive simplification. CCLA account – this new savings account enables us to set aside any surplus funds easily and with good access. Legacy £20k + GA. Someone has approached to pay for renovation of the Clergy Vestry.</li> <li>Giving Day/Stewardship Sunday follow up. Nudge to congregation. Thank you at Patronal by Planned Giving Officer Simon Pook.</li> </ul>
8		<b>Approval of 2024 Annual Report and Accounts (FC)</b>  The Annual Report and Accounts were unanimously approved and BB thanked FC and the Accountants, Haines Watts, for their work.
9		<b>Benefice Celebration for LF's priesting Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>  BB confirmed that there will be a Benefice service 10am at St George's followed by buffet lunch; Evensong/ Forest Church at St Micheal's at 6pm. CWs will be meeting soon.
10		<b>Churchwardens' Update (LL)</b>  Churchwarden role while JohnHu is in hospital. LL reported that she is being well supported and day to day activities and responsibilities being met. No need for action at present. Good opportunity to consider true role of Churchwardens and consider how we strengthen the team going forward.
11		<b>Safeguarding Standing Item (JonH on behalf of Alison Gill)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safeguarding Report was presented and accepted.</li> <li>List of Church and Non-Church Activities for approval. A few corrections/updates were noted: MU needs to be added. JonH to be added to safeguarding group. Welcome team comes under Worship &amp; Liturgy and not Pastoral. PTOs appointed by Bishop not Incumbent. Lyn Evans to be added as outdoor maintenance sub-group leader as part of F&amp;F. Chris Gwynne to be removed (as payback scheme no longer coming to St G's). BB noted how helpful it is to have a full list of church activities - thanks recorded to JonH.</li> </ul>
12		<b>New members of the PCC/ Deanery Synod:</b>  Finding new people to stand for election – a task for all of the PCC. All to think, pray and talk to possible candidates – note to remember that people need to have been coming to St G's for a year to qualify for election to PCC under safer recruitment protocols.
13		<b>Health and Safety Standing Item (LL)</b>  Nothing new to report. Choir handrails being actioned.
14		<b>Any Other Business:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Church Lunch 8th June (Pentecost) - SP leading a small group to organise a church Bring and Share Lunch around our PCC theme of strengthening connections. Church groups will all be encouraged to portray their group's offerings, benefits and needs. Short presentation around theme led by SP/LL/RH. .</li> </ul> <p>Thank you to EM and John B as they retire from the PCC at the upcoming APCM.</p>

15		<p><b>Upcoming Dates:</b></p> <p><b>APCM:</b> 20 May (to give a gap after Easter holiday)</p> <p><b>Next PCC Meeting:</b> 15 July (Standing Committee 2 July)</p> <p><b>Dates for the remainder of 2025:</b> <u>Standing Committee</u> 3 September, 5 November</p> <p><u>PCC</u> 16 September, 18 November</p> <p>The meeting finished at 9.20pm with the Grace.</p>

  
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