



## Summary of the PCC Minutes of the meeting on 15 July 2025

Attendance 61.5%. Full approved minutes available on the website after the next meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> September.

### MAIN FOCUS OF THE MEETING

**Governance and Safeguarding:** As this was the first PCC meeting following the APCM, the PCC welcomed continuing and newly appointed members and confirmed roles, including PCC Officers, Chalice Administrants, and Sides-People. The PCC reviewed documentation outlining its role and responsibilities and the Code of Conduct.

### OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

**Children and Young people (Outreach and Vision):** The CYP Strategy Group will be relaunched in September, and Kathy Winrow is currently inviting new members. From September, JustAcross will be led by Sarah and Simon Pook, and Richard and Kim Tiley. Sunday Smash continues to thrive, with increasing attendance and good support from parents and CIA young leaders. Preparations for Holiday Club are well advanced, with 70 children already registered and a full team of adult volunteers confirmed. A new Sunday morning group for younger children will be launched in the autumn, subject to resolving current storage challenges in the small meeting room.

**Project St George's (Outreach and Vision):** An update was given on the work of the Project St George's building renovation task group commissioned by the PCC. Following requests for volunteers the core group of incumbent, churchwarden and expert adviser Phillip Bevan RIBA (voluntary not paid) has two additional members – Simon Davidson and Jon Houghton. Work has begun on scoping the project and capturing the brief. A full progress report and areas for discussion will come to the next full PCC meeting.

**Finance Update:** The treasurer, Francis Clayton, reported a small but encouraging improvement in the bank balance. Parish giving has increased slightly, and further improvement is expected once the new after school provider's contract begins in September.

**Churchwarden Update:** The transition between hall users is progressing smoothly, with the new after school providers due to begin a three-month trial tenancy from the start of the Autumn term.

**A proposal for urgent, remedial works to the hall was presented by LL** on behalf of the Facilities Group, to address the issue of the large and uncovered windows (privacy and effect on room temperature) and the acoustics adversely affected by all the hard surfaces. The works were approved by the PCC and funding efforts, including with Greenham Trust, will begin immediately. The project must be completed by the beginning of the new school term. The Fabric and Facilities team has undertaken various redecorating tasks, including work on the hall ladies' toilets, the large meeting room, and preparations for LMR ceiling painting. Rita Ball has stepped down from the F&F Committee, and thanks were expressed for her dedicated service.

**Safeguarding Standing item:** The PCC noted a report following the positive audit visit in April 2025 from the Archdeaconry Safeguarding Adviser and that the items highlighted for action following current Diocesan advice have been addressed or are in the process of being addressed. The updated Safeguarding Policy, Action Plan, and Procedure for managing safeguarding concerns were all discussed and approved. Emphasis was placed on clarity of roles, robust training plans, and proper documentation storage. The PCC expressed its gratitude to our Parish Safeguarding Officer Alison Gill and to Jon Houghton for the time and care given to this work.

**Health and Safety Standing item:** A new handrail has been installed in the choir loft, and a tripod ladder has been purchased to improve working safety. It was confirmed that volunteers must not work at very high heights, eg above the lighting rail in the hall.