**St George’s Church Parochial Church Council (PCC)**

**Summary of the PCC Minutes**

**of the meeting on 16 September 2025**

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| *Attendance 92%. Full approved minutes available on the website after the next meeting on 18th November.* |
| **MAIN FOCUS OF THE MEETING** |
| **Making Connections (Outreach and Vision):** The PCC discussed the ongoing initiative to strengthen connections across the church, church fringe and wider community. Key strategies included the next of the parish lunches taking place on 5 October, generic invitation cards for the congregation to use as personal invites to church events and groups, and information to promote church activities to be available at all church social events and groups.  **Working Group Review (Outreach and Vision):** The PCC reviewed the functioning of all working groups since the last review in 2019. It was agreed to remould and relaunch the existing system, refreshing where necessary, rather than starting from scratch, standardising expectations for agendas, minutes, and accountability. Agreed that the groups need greater visibility to the wider church and active recruitment of new members. |
| **OTHER AGENDA ITEMS** |
| **St George’s Hall Update:** Refurbishment work is largely complete, including an unexpected repair to the roof. Hall painting and side garden improvements are being finished. A new issue is a broken boiler currently being investigated with an urgent need to be repaired or replaced. With the generosity of the congregation and matched funding from Greenham Trust the project has been fully funded. Thanks were expressed to LL and all involved. |
| **Project St George’s (Outreach and Vision):** A Task Group progress update was provided on ongoing work, including the need for urgent repairs, consultant engagement, and long-term planning for church use. Options for structural adjustments were considered, and PCC-led decisions on scope will ensure alignment with the church’s broader mission. A PCC away day is planned to agree the scope. |
| **Finance Update:** The treasurer, Francis Clayton, reported that the financial position remains positive due to increased giving and a parish share rebate. Budget planning for the coming year will commence shortly. |
| **Student on Placement:** Abi Ord, an ordinand from St Mellitus College, will join St George’s for approximately 18 months for 2-3 days a week, contributing to activities and gaining experience in a broad church context**.** |
| **Data Breach Update:** A full update on the APCS data breach affecting the Oxford Diocese and 11 people from St George’s was given. The report confirmed that we have taken all the necessary actions required when the breach was alerted and the victims have been kept fully informed. BB highlighted ongoing pastoral support for affected individuals. It was noted that all DBS applications are suspended until a satisfactory resolution is found. Further questions and clarifications are being put to the Diocese by Alison Gill (PSO) and Ronnie Herd acting on behalf of the PCC. They were thanked for their careful and active work on this serious matter. |
| **Churchwardens’ Update:** Fabric & Facilities continues to oversee hall projects and ongoing site management. As churchwarden making connections is a priority and LL has focused on personal invites to church activities and events such as the café crafts and the new ‘sound bath’ event planned for November. |
| **Safeguarding Standing item:** Updated volunteer forms and safeguarding trackers were circulated. All records are expected to be fully current by year-end.  **Health and Safety Standing item:** There was some concrete found in the car park (not from the tower) which was safely managed. Flooding from a tank in the café was contained. Safety measures and ongoing monitoring were confirmed. |