



Holy Trinity Church of Seer Green & Jordans

Minutes of the PCC meeting of 16th January 2025 at 7.15pm

The meeting was held at Janice Barrett's house.

Present:

Jez Carr, *Chair*

Tom Allen, Janice Barrett, Janine Dunnell, Anthony Bargioni, Janna Holder, Audrey Hardy, Sam Barclay

Apologies:, Sue Puttergill, Anne Wall, Linda West.

1. WELCOME AND PRAYER

Jez welcomed everyone and opened with prayers.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting dated 14th November 2024 were approved.

Proposer Janna. Secunder Tom.

3. MATTERS ARISING

6 Janelle will attend the next Pastoral Care team meeting to discuss the Risk Assessment and alignment with Chalfont St Giles.

The discussion on a session for Lasting Power of Attorney will wait until Sue returns.

5.3 Sam to chase for the quote on cutting down three trees in the churchyard.

3 (8) Welcome slide for new attendees is still in progress (Janna). Welcome video still in progress (Jez).

4 The 5:30pm service will be paused until Jez returns from his holiday.

ACTION: Jez to send out survey to target audience.

5.4 and 5.5 Tom will arrange a skip in March.

7 Discussion on prayer stations and making the church more welcoming is ongoing.

8 Giving page on Holy Trinity's website still ongoing.

ACTION: Janine to remind Janelle to adapt the wording.

4. UPDATE FROM JEZ CARR

The Christmas season went well, with all services increasing in numbers except Midnight Mass. Jez stated that the priority for this season is to reach those who don't know Jesus. The missional impact is greater at the 11:30pm service.

The youth group is going well. They would all happily meet once a week to do the Alpha course. Jez thinks the current content is more appropriate for our teens, than the new content which is more 'urban'. It was agreed that information about the youth group should be added to the pewsheet and Community Magazine, to advertise what is happening and draw in the next age group of teenagers.

ACTION: Jez to provide information/articles.

There is about 1 year to attract the next age group before the current ones leave, and relationships need to be made with the next group. A suggestion was to have a youth band concert in the church before the Beerfest.

ACTION: Tom to organise, supported by Sam, Janna, Jez, Pam Pennyfather.

The relationships being built at Whisky Wednesdays are not as straightforward as expected. There is a gospel element in the discussions. One attendee chatted to Jez about how the two churches are central to the village community.

The 5:30pm Reflective Service needs re-assessment on its format, needs to be publicised, needs a name. There needs to be a marketing drop on the village.

ACTION: Jez to send out a survey to the target audience.

5. BUILDINGS AND CHURCHYARD

5.2 Church

The roof of the vestry has been secured against damp and rain.

Tom will level the concrete under the pulpit and blend it into the tiles.

The stage will be cleared away, and other items cleared from the vestry.

Pulpit will be sold.

ACTION: Tom.

6 pews will be sold, 3 have already been requested, and can go as soon as possible.

ACTION: Tom.

Janine to check with Church House if they are interested in the remaining 3, at £100 each.

ACTION: Janine.

Sarah and Tom will prepare a design for a café at the back of the church.

ACTION: Tom.

The refurbishment team needs to meet again in late February.

ACTION: Jez to set date.

Architect needs to be chased for designs.

ACTION: Janna.

5.3 Trees

Waiting for a second quote from a contact of Sam's.

ACTION: Sam to chase quote.

5.4 Clearing the church shed and 5.5 Parish Church Hall shed

ACTION: Tom to order a skip for March.

6. SAFEGUARDING

There are no safeguarding referrals to report.

Training is up to date. The groups supported by the church were reviewed and agreed: Toddlers in the Woods, Teen Spirit, Pastoral Care, the 2 Bible Study groups, and Open the Book.

Tsungai Muchegwa has confirmed that the 8 O'Clock Club does not fall under safeguarding.

The Teen Spirit risk assessment needs to be reviewed and updated if necessary.

ACTION: Janna to review with Sarah Allen.

7. FINANCE

7.1 2024 Actuals vs Budget

There was a discussion on the church finances, which are looking sound. There is a surplus for 2024 of £14,000, because the full Parish Share wasn't paid and Janna did not work for the full year, due to illness.

7.2 2025 Budget

The budget was approved by the PCC.

A fundraising group will be set up, organised by Janine, once ideas have been provided by Jez. The budget contains an entry for £6000 for fundraising, but this is a placeholder, not a target. It was agreed that there should be more events in the church building.

ACTION: Jez to provide ideas for where funds are wanted.

8. GIVING PAGE ON THE WEBSITE

ACTION: Janine to ask Janelle to adjust the information for this target audience, and then give it to Jez.

9. NUMBER OF CHARITIES A YEAR

It was felt that as a small church, we are supporting a lot of charities during the year. Many people already have their own charities that they support. Chalfont St Giles has reduced their charities to 4. It was agreed to reduce the number of charities, but the Charity Committee will make the final decision. The discussion was about having 6 charities, or one a term, with specials such as the Children's Society and St Andrews Family Support Group or Christmas boxes. It was discussed that we should build more of a relationship with the charities.

10. DATE FOR APCM

18 May 2025, after the 10am Communion service.

This year there is a full renewal of the Electoral Roll.

11. AOB

Easter planning was discussed. Midweek will move to Wednesday in March for Ash Wednesday.

It was agreed that we would like to hold a Maundy Thursday dinner.

ACTION: Tom to check with Sarah if she is willing to organise.

Good Friday will have a joint service with the Baptist Church, at the Baptist Church, and the Hour at the Cross in the afternoon.

Easter Sunday will have the 8am BCP and 10am family service.

Janna will run the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday.

Janine to organise cleaners for the church on Easter Sunday, as Jez's mother-in-law is not here.

ACTION: Janine.

Jez then left the meeting.

7.2 Update 2025 Budget

After Jez left, there was a discussion about paying Jez for his extra hours beyond the expectations for the House for Duty vicar. This was agreed, and the amount, with Sam Barclay abstaining from the vote. Jez would be asked to itemise his activities and the amount he is charging each month.

12. CLOSING PRAYER

Janna closed in prayer.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 20 March 2025 at 7:15pm at Holy Trinity.