



Holy Trinity Church of Seer Green & Jordans

Minutes of the PCC meeting of 26 March 2026 at 7.15pm

The meeting was held at Holy Trinity

Present:

Jez Carr, *Chair*

Tom Allen, Anthony Bargioni, Janine Dunnell, Janna Holder, Sue Puttergill, Janice Barrett, Sam Barclay.

Apologies: Audrey Hardy, Linda West, Anne Wall.

1. WELCOME AND PRAYER

Jez welcomed everyone and opened with prayers.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting dated 15th January 2026 were approved.

Proposer Janna. Seconder Janice.

3. MATTERS ARISING

The tree opposite the old post office will have its crown lifted on Friday 26 March.

The porch is intermittently leaking. Tom will explore further. The leak inside the church has not been leaking recently.

4. UPDATE FROM JEZ CARR

The APCM date has been set for 17 May at 11am. A number of people will be writing reports, due by 1 May, for publication on the website and one printed version in the church. Jez has written the draft Charity Commission report, and recognises that these are exciting times, generated by the café. The Folk Club meets in the church, and are getting used to the space and Jez. A soft approach is being taken before asking them to engage more with the church. Teen Takeover is building relationships

with the teens. Grace leaves after Easter, and there is already a potential new barista, who meets the requirements of faith and experience.

There have been 3 baptisms already this year, with another 3 coming up.

It is likely that Teen Spirit will take a pause in the next school year as the next age group are not engaging. These are the ones from the Covid years. There is the possibility of starting with Year 10 and 11 in September.

Purpose statements for the activities sponsored or supported by the church need to be written by the APCM, so that they can be used during the meeting to show what is available. (See previous minutes for what is required.)

Jez has an approved sabbatical in early 2027, but it contingent on other aspects. It will mean that Jez will not be around for Easter 2027.

Paul Henderson is now a Permission to Officiate (PTO), but seems to be stepping back. Rev Steve Whitmore will be leading the Holy Communion on 12 April, and may be asked to lead other services.

5. BUILDINGS AND CHURCHYARD

5.1 Architect's Drawings

Tom set the scene that the internals of the church can be changed from the drawings, so they would not be discussed during this meeting. And also that the PCC should not make a decision based on the cost, but on the requirements of the church. It has not yet been decided if the internal steps in the church would be removed, either by lowering or raising the floor.

Option 1 – rejected by all present

Option 2 – had more discussions but little support

Option 3 – more discussions and more support

Option 4 – the most favoured.

The general consensus was that the café needs to remain inside the church, and not in an extension. And that the church needs step free access on the other side of the current porch, toilets, and an open, welcoming 'porch'. There was not consensus on whether a kitchen was needed in the extension, or more meeting space.

More time is needed for reflection and reviewing the requirements.

7. SAFEGUARDING

Anne was not present, but Janine confirmed that the data breach on the old DBS system does not appear to have caused any harm to individuals. The new DBS system is available, and expired DBS's will now be requested on the new system.

Ethan Bagnis will require a DBS as he will become a volunteer for the Teen Takeover. And the new barista will also require a DBS and training.

There have been no referrals for Safeguarding.

7. FINANCE

7.1 2026 Actuals vs Budget

There has been an adjustment to the budget to raise Heat, Light and Utilities to £6,000 based on the final 2025 costs. Tom was asked to create a budget for the café costs to align with the way Audrey reports café costs and sales. Otherwise the actuals are on track.

ACTION: Tom to provide a budget for the café costs.

7.2 Provisional Sign Off of 2025 Church Accounts

Audrey had provided the provisional 2025 Church Account and her report to accompany them. Those present at the meeting approved them. Any changes by David Jordan, the auditor, would be approved by email.

8. AOB

8.1 Janna's license has expired but she has approval from Bishop Dave to continue her activities. Janna has also asked whether she can be approved to do baptisms.

8.2 The Archdeacon has asked all churches in Buckinghamshire to donate £10 or £20 a month to support the activities of the Bucks Clergy Charity. This supports retired clergy and their spouses, but also active clergy. Jez commented that he has received support from them. The PCC agreed to donate £20 a month.

ACTION: Janine to arrange with Audrey.

11. CLOSING PRAYER

Jez closed in prayer.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 21 May 2026 at 7:15pm in Holy Trinity church.

The Community Prayer group will meet at 6:30pm in Holy Trinity church.