



Holy Trinity Church of Seer Green & Jordans

Minutes of the PCC meeting of 21 May 2026 at 7.15pm

The meeting was held at Holy Trinity

Present:

Jez Carr, *Chair*

Tom Allen, Anthony Bargioni, Janine Dunnell, Janna Holder, Janice Barrett.

Apologies: Audrey Hardy, Linda West, Anne Wall, Sam Barclay.

1. WELCOME AND PRAYER

Jez welcomed everyone and opened with prayers.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting dated 26th March 2026 were approved.

Proposer Tom. Seconder Janna.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Janna has applied for a grant of £1000 for Teen Takeover from the charity that runs the Bekonscot Model Village.

Jez has received confirmation emails from the PCC that there are insufficient funds to pay for his retreat accommodation, so that he can apply for a grant from the Diocese.

4. UPDATE FROM JEZ CARR

No update from Jez, as he provided his update at the APCM on 17 May 2026.

5. BUILDINGS AND CHURCHYARD

5.1 Architect's Drawings

Option 4 is still the design favoured by the PCC, as an extension to the current church building. It is not yet agreed what it will look like and contain.

Due to limited funds, Tom will park any further investigation on the current path, or other improvements for the church building.

6. SAFEGUARDING

Anne was not present, but Janine updated the PCC that DBS's are progressing on the new system, and that the Toddlers in the Woods team have been informed about renewing their training.

There have been no referrals for Safeguarding.

7. FINANCE

7.1 2026 Actuals vs Budget

There was a discussion about the current and expected deficit. The cost of electricity and repairs to the Parish Church Hall have caused the current deficit. Tom asked to see the utility bills for the church.

ACTION: Janine to send the utility spreadsheet to Tom.

There was also a discussion about adjusting the budget vs actual spreadsheet to reflect the rent and utility contributions from the café to the church. There was some confusion about the amounts the café contributes to the church. It was confirmed that it is £300 per month as rent, and £125 per month for utilities. Tom will review the electricity costs and adjust the utility amount to cover the café usage.

ACTION: Janine to adjust the budget vs actual spreadsheet.

Tom to provide a budget for the café costs.

It was recognised that fundraising is key to improve the financial state of the church. There are 3 marketing people with a loose connection to the church, and they will be approached to guide us on how to achieve sustainable fundraising. Janna commented that silent auctions appear to generate the most revenue, as people like to receive something for their donations.

ACTION: Jez and Janna to talk to approach the marketing people.

8. COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

Sue Puttergill, on behalf of the editors, had contacted the PCC to ask for opinions on the viability of the Community Magazine. They will continue to produce it until the end of the year, but noted that the number of subscriptions has been falling, though it's not clear over what period. They have surveyed the distributors and the magazine mainly seems to be going to the older members of the villages and to people who are not part of Holy Trinity.

It currently makes just over £1600 profit with very little effort from those who contribute or distribute.

The conclusion was that we could be doing more and could increase subscriptions. It was agreed to print more copies for the July/August edition and distribute it to those who do not receive it.

ACTION: Jez and Janna will talk to the contributors and distributors at their thank you events.

9. AOB

10. CLOSING PRAYER

Jez closed in prayer.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 9 July 2026 at 7:15pm in Holy Trinity church.

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