



Holy Trinity Church of Seer Green & Jordans

Minutes of the PCC meeting of 24 September 2026 at 7.15pm

The meeting was held at the Vicarage

Present:

Jez Carr, *Chair*

Anthony Bargioni, Janine Dunnell, Janna Holder, Audrey Hardy, Janice Barrett, Anne Wall.

Apologies: Linda West, Tom Allen.

1. WELCOME AND PRAYER

Jez welcomed everyone and opened with prayers.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting dated 9 July 2026 were approved.

Proposer Anthony. Seconder Janice.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Tom has been organising further repairs to the Parish Church Hall roof, where it has been leaking.

The defibrillator will be installed Tuesday 29 September with a small ceremony with the family.

There will be signs to identify the box as a defibrillator. Toyota will cover replacements of pads and batteries when required, and may consider replacing the unit in 10 year's time. The defibrillator is not insured.

ACTION: Janine to check if the church insurance covers it.

Janna is still looking into the possibility of distributing the December / January 2027 Community News Magazine to all households in the villages.

ACTION: Janna to liaise with Sue Puttergill, including the cost to print more magazines

Tom to provide input about encouraging support (financial) for the church.

3.1 Tom Lidgley's concert

The PCC approved by emails that they would sponsor Tom Lidgley's concert.

3.2 Parish Church Hall repairs

The PCC approved by emails that £1,600 would be spent on repairing the roof.

4. UPDATE FROM JEZ CARR

Jez said that this feels like a strange time before his sabbatical starts in January 2027. His time is being spent on regular Sundays. He has decided to continue with Whisky Wednesdays, but not as part of church sponsored activities.

Teen Spirit is on hold, but there is potential to activate it with a new group of teenagers. However, Sarah Allen is unlikely to have the time to support any new activity.

There are 1 or 2 new people coming to Soul Space, and Jez will continue with topics appropriate for those searching.

Jez and Tom are exploring an evening Soul Space in the café space, for 6 consecutive meetings. They still have to decide on which day of the week.

It has been quieter during the summer months, so there is not much to report.

A new cohort of Clergy for Rural Villages had a trial day yesterday, which Jez attended. There are about 6 vicars from parishes similar to ours, who will meet 3 times a year, to encourage and inspire each other, by sharing what is working well for them, and exploring how it could work in the other parishes.

Jez's sabbatical is from January to the end of March, which means he will be away for Easter. Plans are progressing to find vicars for the Holy Communion services.

Anthony then commented on Men's Breakfast, which has lost Ethan and Harri, and is now looking at the Men on Monday for new members.

Men on Monday has about 8 men each week, and the structure of the discussions is evolving from village conversation to a set topic.

5. BUILDINGS AND CHURCHYARD

5.1 Church Building – no update.

5.2 Parish Church Hall – no update

6. SAFEGUARDING

Anne and Janine updated the PCC on actions planned to improve safeguarding practices, arising out of Janine's Leadership Safeguarding training, which requires 3 to 4 actions.

After Anne and Janine met Heather Rowe, the Pastoral Care team will review and update their procedure, and make sure it is signed off by the team.

There is a safeguarding concern about church members supporting others with financial, tax or legal matters when the family is not local and able to support them, and how to make this support more transparent to the families. There are already a few instances in the church. After a discussion, it was agreed that this would only apply to church members assisting other church members, and not friends or neighbours. A notice is going into the October pewsheets to let church members know they can contact Jez or Anne if they have concerns. And Jez will also announce this in some of the services. Guidance, based on discussions between Jez, Anne, Heather and Janine will be shared as required.

There is now a requirement that non-routine activities supported by the church need to be documented. This should include dates and times, who led or managed the activity and who attended it. This includes any future Teen Spirit meetings.

An email address for safeguarding will be set up to keep a record of notes from those supporting other church members, and the documentation about non-routine activities. The vicar and PSO will be the two with access to it, but won't read it regularly. An automated response will make it clear that it is not to be used for requests for support. This is to make sure there is a record if safeguarding issues are raised in the future.

7. FINANCE

Audrey informed the PCC that £1500 has been donated through the contactless device, and efforts are being made to request giftaid for these donations.

Janice raised the concern that there is an appeal for donations to the church every Sunday, and that it looks as if the church is always asking for money. There was also a discussion about the announcements about charities, and whether people needed to be asked to donate to additional charities. After a fruitful discussion, the following was agreed:

- How to give to the church – on the Sunday with the budget review.
- Charities - first and last Sunday of the period assigned to them.
- Requests to support the church maintenance (churchyard, music, etc) - first and last Sunday of the period assigned to them, and during the budget review.

It was also agreed that the information about church giving and the charity would be displayed on the last slide but with no announcement.

7.1 2026 Actuals vs Budget

There was a short discussion about the budget vs actual. There is a small deficit, but there have already been two large payments for the church and Parish Church Hall insurance and the repairs to the Parish Church Hall. Janna said that she is looking for warm space grants.

Audrey also said that the electricity bill has not been received for a number of months. The electricity contract has been set up with a new supplier with a cheaper rate. Tom is looking to move the gas contract to a cheaper rate.

It was agreed that the money raised for the churchyard was additional donations and so these requests should continue.

7.2 Parish Share/Part-Time Post

Janine asked for approval to contact the Oxford Diocese Board of Finance and ask to remain in special measures for 2027 with a House for Duty post. There is no evidence that there will be sufficient income for a Part Time position, and the Deanery will not give their approval without that evidence.

Approval was given.

8. UPDATE ON DEANERY SYNOD

Janine gave an update on the Deanery Synod meeting on 17 September. This year there is a new Area Dean who has changed the atmosphere of the meeting to a more sharing and caring community. Opening prayers were more meaningful, there was an opportunity to talk to someone new, and parishes shared where they have seen God at work. Parishes also had the opportunity to ask for support and prayers, and afterwards offers were made to help where possible.

9. AOB

9.1 Christmas Services

Janna raised the concern that the Christmas services will have been advertised before the next PCC meeting, and the PCC had not reviewed them. Jez responded that there are no changes from last year. No one had any questions or comments about them.

10. CLOSING PRAYER

Jez closed in prayer.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 19 November 2026 at 7:15pm venue to be determined.

The Community Prayer group will meet at 6:30pm venue to be determined.