

Minutes of the PCC Meeting in St Mary's Church – After the APCM, Sunday 19th April, 2026 Updated 24 June 2026

Present Rufus Barnes, David Birchall (Treasurer) Gill Caswell, Vivian Falk, Richard Freeman, Gill Gibson, Judith Hasler, Martin Hugall, Patrick Li, Anna Martin (Clerk) Stanislav Moskalenko, Robin O'Neill, Hannah Razzell, Jan Siewertsen, Simon Potter, Rev'd Romey Poston, Pam Russell, Hayden Rocks, Noël Starr, Rev'd Jeremy Trew (Chair) Rev'd Hilary Walker,

1. **Apologies for absence**
Apologies had been received from Helen Nash, Oli King, Steve Hasler, and Shawn Martin.
- 2.a **Co-option of members** It was proposed that Director of Music and Organist Oli King, should be co-opted to the PCC (proposed Jeremy Trew seconded Anna Martin), agreed with no abstentions.
- 2.b **Consideration of the agenda** Items 9a acknowledgement of welcomers, also 9b appointment of one Team Council representative also 9c appointment of Churches Together representatives were added to the agenda.
3. **Welcoming of representatives from daughter churches** Helen Nash, would continue to represent St Johns Little Walden, and was welcomed in absentia. The Rector also welcomed Judith Hasler, who would continue to represent St James Swards End, and expressed his gratitude for her work.
4. **Election of vice-chair** It was agreed that Simon Potter would act as Vice Chair: nominated Rufus seconded Rev'd Jeremy Trew, none against.
5. **Appointment of secretary** It was agreed that Anna Martin continue as secretary (proposed Rev'd Jeremy Trew, Vivian Falk, none against)
6. **Appointment of treasurer** It was agreed that David Birchall continue as Treasurer (proposed Patrick Li, Anna Martin, none against)
7. **Appointment of electoral roll officer** it was agreed that Hayden Rocks should continue as Electoral Roll Officer (Proposed Rev'd Jeremy Trew, Seconded Patrick Li, none against)
8. **Appointment of members to the Standing Committee** It was agreed that Rufus Barnes be appointed to the Standing Committee (proposed by Rev'd Jeremy Trew, Hayden Rocks, none against.)

The Rector clarified that the Standing Committee had the right to make decisions on behalf of the PCC where urgency was required, and could authorise spending up to a limited amount. Decisions were always brought to the PCC for and acknowledgement and discussion at the next meeting.
- 9.i. **Appointment of one member to the remuneration committee** It was agreed that Gill Caswell be appointed (proposed Rev'd Jeremy Trew, seconded David Birchall, none against)
- 9a. **Acknowledgement of Welcomers** Current welcomers were acknowledged - St Mary's Church Saffron Walden Anthony Armon-Jones, Kathryn Bennett, Gillian Brace, Trevor (Paddy) Carver, Geoff Collins, Julie Daker, Daniele Donelan, Barbara Flaxman, Alison Forster, John Forster, Richard Garvey, Marion Garvey,

Lesley Green, Judith Hasler, Steve Hasler, Janine Heaney, Jenny Kirkaldy, Chris Knight, Jane Knight, Gill Lovegrove, Sandra Marsh, Anna Martin, Ralph Meloy, Pamela Mugliston, Petronella Oelman, Donna Newson, Ruby Parsons, Kim Queree, Andrew Robinson, Julia Smith, David Stanton, Tricia Troughton and Paula Winter. The Rector thanked them for their dedication.

- 9b. **Appointment of representative to the Team Council** It was resolved that Tricia Troughton be appointed for a period of two years to represent the PCC on the Team Council.

It was noted that Gill Caswell remains on the Team Council until her current term expires at the end of the 2027 APCM.

- 9c. **Appointment of Churches Together in Saffron Walden representatives.** Sue Birchall and Vivian Falk were appointed for the coming year. **Vivian Falk has since withdrawn and Shawn Martin was appointed at the PCC meeting on 24th June 2026.**

10. **Notices** There were none.

11. **Closing prayer** The meeting closed with prayer.