

PCC Meeting on 10th September 2025

Present: Justin Walford (JW), Connie Parker-Dhinakaran (CPD), Mike Bankole (MB), Ebenezer Appiagyei (EA), Lara Haggard (LH), James Cunningham (JC)

Apologies: Fiona Holmer (FH), Mark Horley (MH)

Chaired by JW. Dhinakaran CPD.

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1. Opened in Prayer

2. Minutes of the Previous meeting

- Minutes were approved with no amendments. Proposed by MB and seconded by CPD.

3. Matters arising from the note from the Parish Project Manager (ST)

In response to ST's note, distributed by email before the meeting:

- No update on Safeguarding (in the absence of FH)
- Harvest Sunday: PCC agreed that we could display the harvest donations and LH offered to help transport them to Wandsworth food bank.
- Upper Hall Boiler: PCC agreed to check with ST regarding the £2,233 quoted for boiler repair: we discussed the risks of installing a new part in an old boiler and how long the boiler would last. We decided it would be prudent to seek a comparative quote before making a decision. Subject to a second quote and a sense of how long the boiler is likely to last overall, this decision was approved.
 - Action: JW to follow up with ST
- Christmas Services
 - Due to the clash with Glass Door (on Wednesday 24 December), there was consensus around the idea of intentionally signposting that SMWC will join another local church for their midnight service on Christmas Eve.
 - The suggestion of a 'sung worship' style evening to sing in the new year at church was raised. It was decided to hold this idea for another year as NYE is also a Wednesday so will also clash with Glass Door this year.
 - Action: MB to ask Rev Richard Taylor whether they hold a midnight service at St Barnabas and if SMWC would be welcome to attend.

5. Treasurer's Report

- JC summarised our present financial position and concluded that it was reasonably positive.
- PCC approved making the donations to mission partners as per the budget. This decision was proposed by LH and seconded by EA.
- Sound system
 - Action: JC to ask how much the remaining cost for sound system upgrade would be so that we can assess when we might be able to pay for it.
- PCC agreed to increase Sally's Soldo (pre-paid card) limit from £100 to £200.

6. Messy Church and Children's Work

- We had a general discussion on the importance of Messy Church and the need to keep note of volunteering needs to manage and support it long-term.
- We discussed the request via Sally Newman to pay Michelt to take the safeguarding training courses required for her role. It was agreed that we would pay for this (up to £75), subject to finding out whether Michelt is self employed and could therefore submit an invoice for her time.

7. AOB.

- Agreed that JW could organise another men's event (following the men's breakfast)

8. Closed in prayer

Justin Williams
JW
10 November 2025