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St Michael's
Wandsworth
Common

**PCC meeting – Monday 11th November 2025
the Vicarage**

6.30pm at

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| Present: | Revd Tif Ewins (TE) - Chair Ebenezer Appiagyei (EA) Connie Parker-Dhinakaran (CPD) Fiona Holmer (FH) - minutes | James Cunningham (JC) Justin Walford (JW) Mike Bankole (MB) Mark Horley (MH) Sarah Taylor (ST) |
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Apologies: Lara Haggar (LH)

- 1. Opening prayer**
- 2. Apologies and approval of Minutes of the last meeting**
Minutes approved - MB proposed, JC seconded
- 3. Treasurer's report (JC)**
 - In last month – grant of £5K given for Messy Church for this year and next year
 - Giving is up / Cash in bank is £106,196 / £3,000 in VAT back on building works
 - Financial gifts through Benevity (a company matching scheme) will be spent on the building – not allowed on “religious” purposes
 - Expenditure – some up and some down – no school donation made yet as Tif was on sabbatical
 - Sound system £8,800.50 paid so far, same again when system should be finished this month
 - Draft budget should be available by end of month
 - Upper hall windows timing likely to be early 2026.
 - JC away End of 2025. Payroll and pensions will be set up before he goes but highlights dependency on JC.. We are also now effectively “a small business” and the Treasurer workload has been increasing. There are times when it is useful to respond quickly.

ACTION - MH to meet with JC regarding taking on some of the Treasurer role

- 4. Safeguarding Update (ST)**
31.8 new DBS system up and running

- 5. Parish Project Manager's update (ST)**

5.1 Upper Hall Windows update

2 quotes . Using tower scaffold £300 rather than regular scaffold for £11,500. Agreed on carpenter to do work – only a couple of weeks needed. Pavement licence £250, then 28 days to do work.

5.2 Sound system update

Simon doing it on 11th November 2025 and should finish by 14th. Sound desk remains near North door.

5.3 North door update

- Diocese faculty process has been very slow. We are trying to help them see how hard this is for parishes and hopefully improve things
- We can now put up notice on noticeboard for comment within 28 days
- After that goes to Chancellor. Advisory committee is positive.
- Resolution for faculty read out and passed.

- Logo or design will be put on the glass doors to comply with regulations.
- New carpet will have to be laid before glass doors are installed. Timing of painting flexible.

ACTION - Target for installation is Easter. North door will go through to next year's budget.

6. Church fabrics, lady chapel and lectern discussion (TE)

Should we spend some money on new altar frontals? Gold set is very ugly so never used. We preach from flimsy music stands which we'd like to change. Fabrics need replacing. The high altar could be more in line with the nave altar. Lady chapel being separated off with glass is getting higher up the MAP list

ACTION – investigate new lectern, replacement gold altar cloth and linen.

7. Christmas update (TE)

E-poster with dates has been circulated. Useful feedback from Christmas 2024. Midnight mass will be 11.30 on 24th December at St Barnabas.

6.1. Christmas Appeal

Decided on 1/3 for Sparkle - 1/3 for mission/ministry - 1/3 for Glass Door

6.2. GD gifts / HMP Wandsworth gifts Advent Sunday)/Volunteers/Christmas

Payments agreed: £400 - January thank you lunch for PCC and staff team / £250 for gifts for hirers and schools/

£500 for decorations for church (Northcote Lodge School used to pay for these)

Advent Sunday – 30/11/2025

Ask people to wrap presents with B or S marked on (beanies or socks) place in a sack for Glass door guests on Christmas eve.

8. 2026 Mission Partners review (TE)

Subcommittee needed to review our current mission partners who are:

St Mellitus, Arocha, St George's Primary School, Standout, Medair, Justice Defenders, IJM, Carneys. We have given to them for 2 years and should re-visit.

ACTION - MB and MH happy to do so with either LH, CPD or FH. Feedback for February Standing Committee.

8. Vocations proposals (TE)

PCC agreed to support Lara Hagger and Esther Chew to be a commissioned Lay minister

PCC undertakes to give travel grants or a book, help find places to train if TE not around.

9. Church services organist update (TE)

Celia's husband Colin Wickham-Anderson has agreed to play the organ twice a month from January 2026 and will eventually train a younger organist who can take over. They will also teach new songs / hymns. £112 per Sunday.

Sung worship will be ending on a Thursday night as of 13 November 2025.

10. Volunteer celebration service discussion

A special service on Sunday 26 April 2026 to celebrate all the volunteers; Sparkle, Film Club, Glass Door, Messy Church – Eleanor Horley to be asked to make cake for event.

11. AOB

Unconscious Bias -22nd November will be training.

Listening training on 10th Feb 2026 online 7 till 9pm by Clare Arkwright – Mission Action Plan. Clare will speak on 8th Feb too.

Listening campaign 18 Feb to 1st April 2026

APCM – 27th April – 1 hr 6pm to 7pm

Sally said she will make her gift to church in kind as she has lots of materials for Messy Church.



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Next PCC meeting – Wednesday 14th January 2026 at 6.30 at the Vicarage