

PCT MINUTES
15 JANUARY 2025

OPENING PRAYER: For the peace process in Middle East and parishioners recently deceased

APOLOGIES: Denise Bass, Denis Woodhouse

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: accepted

Matters arising from last minutes:

SVP volunteers needed especially from St Gabriel's (more requests for volunteers to follow – see item on Churches Together)

FINANCE UPDATE:

Claudine asked: where do card machine monies go ... to the respective parish accounts

Both treasurers about to do the finance 'year end accounts' Neville and Jeff continue to work towards their goals.

A parishioner is potentially ok to take on the financial book-keeping depending on timings and workload. Once they see the end of year accounts, they may have a clearer idea of what it entails. Payment for this to be negotiated.

Parish financial amalgamation is a work in progress and will take time. Parish hubs may amalgamate first however although this is speculation. The Diocese now realises that full amalgamation of all accounts in the new parishes maybe many years ahead.

Building works commenced at W Grinstead (heating issues- pump replaced and other jobs cropping up)

Pilgrim's Way updated drawings still awaited - architect may need a push. Some redesign may be required as works progress

Carl is on it all!

St Gabriel's - choir loft. Structural engineer found a beam that is 'sound' for attaching the balustrade.

Stonework cleaning etc quotes are in progress as it exceeds £7k

Ramp quotes were found and now needs confirming that there are 3 quotes in place.

Drainage still awaiting attention externally as the drains on East Street drain into church property and need to be cleaned. This really needs to be done before work on the ramp starts. Elements of this will also be plumbed into the drainage system.

We will, as a parish, ensure that Living Wage is paid to employees currently £12.60 (up from £12)

Lourdes: For the benefit of parishioners, we need to raise the amount we have in the accounts to help fund some to go on pilgrimage with the Bishop and Diocese. This could come from a variety of avenues: Collection/appeals, Lenten collections, Lenten Lunches, Billingshurst coffee money etc.

CHURCHES TOGETHER - BILLINGSHURST*

1. Week of Christian Unity- response to email from Lucy Cooper. 20th January allocated to St Gabriel's Hall. Needs volunteers for teas, coffees, chairs etc also needs advertising.
2. Lenten Lunch coordinator - new person needed to coordinate for St Gabriel's (Ash Wednesday is 5th March) Dates need confirming and a volunteer needed to do this. Jane Matthews from URC is overall coordinator. Newsletter to advertise please. Clear instructions also needed in order to understand what is involved.
3. Sunday's ecumenical service requires 2 Readers, Welcomers, people to hand-out stuff and to do hospitality duties in the hall afterwards. Theme is 'Our Faith' centred on the Nicene Creed of 325 CE (anniversary this 2025). Starts at 6:30pm. Leave the tables in the hall after Sunday coffee for afterwards.
4. Street Pastors board resigns in June 2025 and will need to be replaced - they are looking for people to step-up please - *or accept that it may fold*.
5. Churches Together may also need people to join as Trustees

SUGGESTION BOX SUBMISSIONS

Festival of Hope - 20th September. Details tbc
Jubilee for Youth - 28th July £900 - not practical

Jasmine - International Food Evening? 'Save the date' to the newsletter Linked to World Day of Prayer. Saturday 8th March. Pay what you can afford, proceeds to go to CAFOD. No need to bring food as there is a rota in place for this but see Jasmine if you would like to help. With her contact number and sign-up sheet.

CFG 10 years history - Congratulations to the CFG. Pamphlet has been professionally produced and is available to read (on request). Cn Tim will announce their birthday celebration this Sunday which is after Mass Sunday 26th January.

NEXT MEETING; Wednesday 26th February 7:30pm @ Claire Fairlie's house