

Summary of Minutes of St Peters Church PCC Tuesday, 16th September 2025

The Minutes of the PCC Meeting on 17th June 2025 were approved.

Matters Arising – Action Points

- Bird deterrent in church porch – pigeon spikes scheduled to be fixed this week.
- Japanese Knotweed infestation in vicarage car park – Desmond is licensed to treat this and will be tackling it.

Diary for 2025

- Key Autumn events are the evening with Stephanie Staples, a Family Party with Chilli and Harvest Supper.
- Visit from Bishop Philip on 12th October where he will be speaking at an All Together Service.
- There will be a service next week for Cranford Park Reception children in church, when they will each be given a book of bible stories. The teachers and governors were praised for the recent excellent Ofsted Report – this is reflected in their blossoming relationship with St Peters.
- When Christmas Hurts – a reflective service, to be held on Sunday 14th December at 3.00 pm for those who find this time of year difficult.

Any Other Business

- **Review of Ugandan Visit** - A very positive experience all round. Bishop Pons is keen for another Yateley to Nebbi visit next summer, to include some teachers if possible. There are currently around 17 people interested.
- **Business Board Report** - The key focus is having enough volunteers for the future. Tim stressed the need to look to God for inspiration as to how we address this.

Budget Items

- Solar panels on church roof – Investigations are underway as to the possibility of a grant. As an interim measure roof insulation is recommended. This could be done at a reasonable cost in October, with labour being supplied hopefully by some experienced volunteers.
- Changing service suppliers - we need to focus more on renewable/green energy but have to find the right balance between affordability and ecological benefits.

Creation Care

Concern was expressed on how to tackle the growing piles of tree/plant debris in the churchyard and options are being considered.

Mission

Richard reported the recent BBQ, held to publicise our new partnership with the church in Bulgaria, was a success with 46 people attending and over £300 raised. Tim and Claire will join Richard and Chris on a short visit to Sliven in a couple of weeks. We are aware there is a need to raise the profile of the eight other organisations we support.

Buildings

- Heating – although this has now been repaired in the church, it has been decided the recent standard of maintenance has been unacceptable. Steps are being taken to rectify this.
- Ladies' Toilets - One quote has been received which has been rejected, and we are waiting for a quote from another company.