

## Summary of Minutes of St Peter's Church PCC Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2025

### Matters Arising

1. **Diary for 2026** - As 2025 has been a particularly busy year and at times has seemed overwhelming, it has been decided that more clarity and forward planning is needed. A detailed schedule of next year's events will be distributed via ChurchSuite.

There was a Life Group Leaders' meeting last week where the focus was on revisiting the Vision, which has been in place for five years. The groups are thriving with 130 people attending, a significant increase over the last couple of years.

**Bulgarian church** – We are anticipating a visit from the Pastor and his wife from the church in Sliven, our latest mission partner. We hope this may happen in February, with the aim of giving them the opportunity to find out how we do things at St Peter's and hopefully generate some ideas which could help them in Sliven. It was pointed out this could well be a two way exercise!

2. **Staff Handbook plus additional contracts** - These have been reviewed and updated to ensure they comply with current legislation.

### Any Other Business

**Holy Communion from January** - Sadly Fran's struggle with poor health has meant she has had to relinquish her role as Associate Minister and her wonderful gift of preaching will be greatly missed. This has meant it will no longer be possible to hold two services per month with Holy Communion at 9.00 am. Starting in January these will be held on the 2nd week of each month and on the 4th week of each month at the 10.30 service.

**Finance** - Treasurer's Report – there is positive news on Church income, as Giving has increased, however we do need to continue to keep unbudgeted expenditure to a minimum as cash levels remain low.

### Buildings

- Heating and Insulation – There is an issue with availability of volunteers to install insulation in the church roof. A communication will go out via ChurchSuite.
- Work on the lychgate should commence in the next few weeks. The major part of the cost will be covered by Hart DC with the Church making a contribution.
- Work on the West Doors is scheduled to begin in 2026.
- Ladies' Toilets - We are still waiting for a second quote.

**Children and Youth at St Peter's** - Gill and Chloe joined the meeting to update the PCC on all the amazing work they have been doing with children and young people.

- St Peter's has 25+ children attending church groups each Sunday, including 10 young people who meet regularly in the café. If you include outreach activities - Open the Book, Youth Café, Wayfinders, special links being formed with Yateley School, Newlands and particularly Cranford Park School, there is an interface with around 5000 young people in a year.
- There are generally between 20 and 30 young people at the Youth Café every Wednesday. Most of these do not attend church and make up the majority of the 20 who have signed up for the Youth Weekend in November. The Holiday Club in July was a great success with 6 young people from Youth Café helping with and initiating activities for the children.
- Both Chloe and Gill stressed how these events, together with the Harvest Party and Chaos are all instrumental in growing the numbers of children and young people in St Peter's. In order to stay ahead more volunteers are needed.

Tim commended Chloe and Gill on their excellent work and prayed for their continued success.

Next PCC Meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025