

CHURCH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL, ABINGTON

MINUTES OF PCC MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 7.45PM PARISH ROOMS

PRESENT: Rev Byung Jun Kim (Chair), Prester Coleman, Damian Pickard, Cathy Tinsley, Alison Barnes, Helen Halson, Susie McKay, Douglas Rutherford, Andrew Munns, Lizzie Loe, Donald Loe, Dianne Ward, Chris Waters, Sandra Francis, Liz Kelly, Stephen Lewis, Bob Purser, Melissa Tallack (minutes)

40/25 OPENING PRAYER

The meeting opened in prayer.

41/25 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Sue Harrison and Esme Cushing.

42/25 WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Replaced with discussion on LLF (item 53/25).

43/25 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16th JULY 2025

Were confirmed as correct and approved by all present.

44/25 MATTERS ARISING

36/25 – Tracy's induction will be on Mon 13th October at 7pm. Helen will organise travel logistics.

31/25 – Church rooms scoping group – the group has met a couple of times, and some progress has been made. The group has laid out all the options to explore and one of those includes increasing our collaboration with the Methodist church. A meeting has been held to understand their remodelling project scope and timings.

45/25 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no matters to discuss under correspondence.

46/25 SAFEGUARDING

Assistant Safeguarding Officer – the meeting supported the appointment of Stephen Lewis as assistant safeguarding officer to support Esme. The safeguarding register will be updated for the next meeting. The PCC agreed that the Youth Church, family lunch, bell ringing and lunch club should be considered for inclusion in the scope of the safeguarding policy. Thank you to Esme and welcome to Stephen as assistant safeguarding officer.

47/25 ACTION / DECISION LOG UPDATE

The action log was reviewed and updated in the meeting.

48/25 TREASURERS REPORT

The financial update report was circulated by Susie ahead of the meeting. We are generally tracking in line with expectations. We have set up with a new energy supplier which will save money. If we had continued with the parish buying scheme, our costs would have doubled. We are changing our bank account to a charity account. Electronic payments are preferred in the future as cash and cheque deposits incur fees.

Susie will begin to prepare the 2026 budgets ready for review at the next PCC.

Thank you to Susie for keeping our accounts in such good order.

49/25 REVIEW OF THE LAST TWO MONTHS

The Parish BBQ was very enjoyable and thank you to Damian and Jill for hosting and to Lizzie for all her support. The Family lunch in the summer was very well received. It was lovely to see APV residents attending the Family Fun Day. Tracy's farewell service was joyous and uplifting. Some ideas were shared about incorporating more music from the musicians in our congregation. Feedback to the Director of Music is always encouraged. Jun will discuss with Tim. We are thankful to Cathy for supporting someone who came to us in need via the Tree of Hope.

50/25 SUPPORTING THE HOPE CENTRE

Melissa proposed two activities to run to the end of December. One is a build and decorate your own money box and emergency pack collections. Both activities were supported.

51/25 SELECTING CHRISTMAS CHARITIES 2025

Local charity – Eve (local domestic abuse shelter)

International charity – Save the Children

52/25 CHURCHYARD ART PROJECT

The Tree of Hope will conclude on the 5th October and from here the tree will be transferred to Parklands Primary school. Jun has spoken with Bob (Barn Art Installations), who was behind the design and construction of the Tree and he is willing to help with our next project. Jun proposes we work next year with Action for Happiness. Dr David Smart, who is a member of our congregation is a leader of the Northampton Branch. One of the themes we hope to introduce to our sermon series next year is wellbeing and mental health and this could join up with the churchyard art project. This ties into the fourth of our key words of feeding, community, person and space.

53/25 LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH

Feedback was invited from the PCC. Numbers signing up will be checked. It was confirmed that refreshments (tea/coffee) will be available at the sessions. Dianne and Sandra offered to manage refreshments. The sessions will create a safe space to contribute to the discussion. If anyone knows of anyone who has any concerns or doubts, reassurance can be provided that this is not about big changes or trying to change people's views, it is about finding Christ in all people so that we can bring all people to Christ. We pray for a good response, and we will encourage as many people to take part as possible. We hope for an enriching and encouraging conversation. God never said 'agree with each other', He said 'love each other'. We will pray for the church and for Jun as he leads us through this discussion.

54/25 BUILDING WORK REPORT

South path – the work is complete and has been paid for. Thank you to Donald and Bob for all their work in bringing the path work to a conclusion. It was suggested a formal opening of the path be arranged.

Ladies toilet in the Church Rooms – a donor is prepared to pay for redecoration and replacement of the basins, the WC pans and the mirrors.

Floor condition in the Church Rooms – woodworm treatment in the small hall is being arranged.

Woodworm has also been found in the guides cupboard. The old wooden tables that are used for the fete will also need to be disposed of as they also have woodworm. Replacements will need to be found in time for the next fete.

Quinquennial Update – work has started but all required work is unlikely to be complete this year.

55/25 REPORT ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH MISSION

Cathy would like to propose to hold a Bright Party on Friday 31st October. Meet at 2.30pm for 1.15 hours. Cathy also proposed to run the shoebox collection (Operation Christmas Child) this year and this was supported by those present.

56/25 REPORT ON ANNA CHAPLAIN MISSION

We continue to visit APV every fortnight and the links are very strong. It is quite difficult for residents to attend our church so this outreach is important. The Bible Study at St Christophers has recommenced and 17 people attended the first session. There is now eight commissioned Anna Chaplains in the Diocese. Sandra is focussing on families and has taken the Host to a couple of people. Thank you to Liz and Sandra for all their work.

57/25 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Douglas shared information about the Wednesday evening Bible study group, hosted at Damian and Jill's house – 10 people have signed up so far. Jun confirmed that other mid-week groups continue to meet.

58/25 AOB

Dianne reminded people to check with her if they want to use the office.

Helen thanked everyone for their warm welcome so far.

Jun shared that he has been invited to join the College of Canons as an honorary Canon of Peterborough Cathedral Thursday 6th November at 5.30pm at Peterborough Cathedral (it will be an evensong service with installation of Canons). The PCC expressed their congratulations to Jun for this recognition.

It was agreed that the financial donations collected during the Harvest service will be donated to Christian Aid.

59/25 FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES

Joint Service at Park Grove Methodist: 21st Sept 10.30 am (8.15 am at Abington, NO 10 am)

Antiques Fair: 4th October

Conclusion of the Tree of Hope: 5th Oct

Harvest Lunch: 5th Oct

Stewardship Sunday: 12th Oct

Tracy's Induction: 13th Oct

Roots Down, Walls Down: commencing 22nd Oct

Afternoon Tea and Talk about the names on the war memorial 8th November

60/25 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS IN 2025 and 2026

SC: 9 Nov, 28 Jan, 22 Apr, 24 Jun, 16 Sep, 18 Nov

PCC: 3 Dec, 11 Feb, 6 May, 8 Jul, 30 Sep, 25 Nov

APCM: 26 April

THE MEETING FINISHED WITH THE GRACE