

**Distribution:**

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| Mr G Causer (PCC: Churchwarden) | Mr S Morrell (PCC) | Staff Team |
| Mr N Collison (PCC: Head of Fabric) | Mr H Morten (PCC: Head of Finance) | Notice Board |
| Mrs G Eastwood (PCC Churchwarden) | Mr A Pallett (PCC) | Parish Safeguarding Officers |
| Mr M Evans (PCC) | Revd Will Pearson Gee (Rector & Chair) | Mr K Croxton (Chair, MOG) |
| Mr A Miscampbell (PCC)Mrs S Fox – (PCC Secretary) | Mrs L Pearson-Gee (Deanery Synod)Mrs L Piper (PCC) |  |
| Mrs B Jeremy (Deanery Synod) | Revd K Pellereau (Curate) |  |
| Mr A Gibson (Deanery Synod) | Mr B Roskell (PCC: Head of Stewardship) |  |
| Mr P Hirons (Diocesan & Deanery Synod) | Mr M Roskell (PCC: Head of Production) |  |
| Ms V Hughes (PCC: Head of HR) | Mrs T Roskell (PCC: Treasurer) |  |
| Mr Paul Wallace (Deanery Synod) | Mrs J Wigley (ex-officio – in attendance) |  |
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**MINUTES**

**Meeting of:** Buckingham PCC

**Date and Time**: Tuesday 13 June, 7.30pm at BPC

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| **Present:** |  |  |
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| Mr Gerry Causer (GC) | Mr Andy Pallett (AP) |
| Mrs Glynnis Eastwood (GE) | Revd Will Pearson Gee (WPG) |
| Mr Mike Evans (ME) | Mrs Lorna Piper (LP) |
| Mr Paul Hirons (PH) | Mr Mike Roskell (MR) |
| Mr Simon Morrell (SM) | Mrs Jo Wigley (JW) |
| Mr Harry Morten (HM) |  |

Secretary Mrs Sue Fox (SF) |  |  |
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| **Item** |  | **Action** |
| 1 | **Introduction and Welcome Simon Morrell**Simon Morrell was welcomed to the PCC. |  |
| 2 | **Communion**Communion is taken at the first meeting after the APCM. |  |
| 3 | **Apologies for Absence**Apologies were received from Nigel Collison, Brian Roskell, Tracy Roskell, Andrew Miscampbell and Vicky Hughes. |  |
| 4 | **Approval of Minutes of PCC Meeting held on 14th March 2023 and 18th March 2023**PH proposed the approval of the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting held on 14 March 2023, seconded by GC. All voted in favour.ME proposed the approval of the extraordinary minutes as an accurate record of the meeting held on 18th March 2023, seconded by AP. All voted in favour. |  |
| 5 | **Correspondence**None |  |
| 6 | **Nomination of AOB**Parking around ChurchIt was noted that the Town Council are considering relocating the venue for the annual Maypole Dancing due to cars moving around the site whilst the children are performing.WPG will follow this up with the Town Council.Parking continues to be problematic around the Church.WPG and GC with liaise and keep Paddy Collins informed of any decisions. | WPGWPG/GC |
| 7 | **Conflicts of Interest**There were no conflicts of interest. |  |
| 8 | **Rector’s Update*** Two Church families’ homes flooded in the recent storm.
* Sam and Abi Graham welcomed their baby daughter.
* Summer Sundays are planned. JW spearheading the 10am services, looking at a different Bible character each week. The 5pm services will have a Genesis theme.
* A small number of church members will attend HTB Focus in July.
* Sam Graham is taking several Youth to the DTI conference.
* Well Street Church Youth Minister is leaving.
* Planning is underway for Family Fun Fest in August. 40 volunteers needed.
* Several Asylum Seekers have been baptized.
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| 8a | **Minibus Update**Andrew Gibson has a shortlist of options and is very close to purchasing a new bus.BPC will own the minibus outright, and it will be sign written with the BPC branding. |  |
| 99i | **Subgroup Reports**Standing Committee - no report |  |
| 9ii | **Stewardship Report**HM ran through this report, and it was noted by the PCC. Regular giving is slightly down. Expenditure is much lower than forecast. |  |
| 9iii | **Finance Report**In BR’s absence HM ran through this report, and it was noted by the PCC.  |  |
| 9 iv | **Fabric Report**The report was noted by the PCC.After the recent storm, minor flood damage was noted in the kitchen, prayer chapel and porch. |  |
| 9 v | **Production Report** MR ran through this report, and it was noted by the PCC.Volunteers are currently needed to join the team. |  |
| 9 vi | **MOG Reports**The reports were noted by the PCC.The PCC endorsed the following:1. That the church switches its main mission focus towards Africa
2. That this transition takes place over the next twelve moths
3. This means this will be the final year for donations to the three projects in India
4. That the church becomes affiliated to SOMA UK so they can help facilitate mission trips
5. That the possibility of being linked to the church WPG visited in Rwanda be explored via SOMA.

The PCC noted and endorsed the initial tithe distribution of the following:* Mukti Mission, £3000
* UBS, £1500
* Street Orphans, £2000
* Open Doors, £5000
* Mosaic, £3000
* Bradford, £5000
* Christian Concern, £2500
* CEEC, £2500
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| 9 vii | **Health and Safety Report**The report was noted by the PCC. |  |
| 9 viii | **Safeguarding Report**The report was noted by the PCC.The PCC approved the new volunteer, Stephanie Oates.The PCC noted and approved the Procedure for dealing with Safeguarding Allegations and the Policy on the Recruitment of Ex Offenders.GE is now able to run Safeguarding Training on a face-to-face basis. This will allow volunteers to complete their training in a much timelier manner. |  |
| 10 | **OGST.**Mr Trevor Raiment (OGST Trustee and the Treasurer of St Ebbes, Oxford) joined the meeting via Zoom at 8.25pm and presented to the PCC. He made the following points:* OGST was a registered charity
* One of its trustees was also on the Diocesan Board of Finance.
* It was a recognized conduit for parish share to the DBF.
* It was set up for any churches to use within Oxford Diocese.
* Money paid in was held in a restricted fund and only disbursed according to the wishes of the donor PCC.
* Funds paid to the DBF were sent in a lump sum so each PCC needed to inform the DBF of the amount that it was contributing.
* All the current participant churches pay 100% (or more) of their share into the OGST and a few then instruct the OGST to distribute a percentage of that sum away from the DBF and to other gospel initiatives in Oxford Diocese. He outlined a few such initiatives that the OGST was supporting.

A lengthy and passionate discussion followed the presentation. PH was upset that we were going against the Diocese and was totally opposed to the idea. It was explained that at this moment there was no suggestion of diverting any share – the Diocese would receive everything that is currently being paid (i.e. 100%). It was stated that this was at present a purely symbolic gesture to indicate the PCC’s disapproval of the stance the bishops were taking with regards changing the doctrine of the church via the back door. Delaying a decision after so much time had already been devoted to it would not achieve anything as no new information was either needed or would be forthcoming. Both churchwardens spoken in favour of the motion. It would be up to future PCC meetings – as and when appropriate - to review whether the 100% onward figure should be maintained and this could be adjusted in the light of developments in the CofE.SM proposed “That Buckingham PCC pays its Parish Share into the OGST and that 100% is passed on to the DBF.” This was seconded by GC. Seven in favour, one against and one abstention. HM asked that it be noted that had BR been present he would have raised his concerns.It was agreed that WPG would brief TR on what needed to happen to effect implementation. | WPG/TR |
| 11 | **Approval of Side’s People**GC proposed that the Side’s People for 2023 be approved, seconded by HM. All voted in favour. |  |
| 12 | **Service Attendance:**LP presented this report and it was noted by the PCC.Interestingly, attendance was lower on 14 May after two “special” Sunday services, (APCM and Coronation Service). It was noted that future planning is needed to avoid 2 Sundays of disruption but that due to the Coronation it had been unavoidable in this instance. |  |
| 13 | **Funeral Planning form and Legacy Information – how to disseminate?**This item was not discussed. |  |
| 14 | **London Bridge (Queen’s Death) Condolence Sheets**The PCC noted that the condolence sheets will be submitted to the County Archives for safekeeping. |  |
| 15 | **Any Other Business**HM noted that the Tap and Pay machine is now generating £850 per month. |  |
| 16 | **Date of Next Meeting*** SC Tuesday 18th July
* SC Tuesday 8th August
* PCC Tuesday 12th September
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| 17 | The meeting ended with The Grace at 9.30pm |  |