

APCM 2025-2026: Secretary Report

The PCC, comprising of sixteen members of the Christ Church family, met four times in person. There was an additional brief zoom meeting in order to approve the accounts.

The PCC continue to be committed to safer recruitment and the best care and training opportunities for our staff, as well as ensuring that every member of the church community is able to flourish and be kept safe and well. Safeguarding is on the agenda at every meeting. The Human Resources / Safeguarding group continue to meet during the year to ensure we maintain the highest of standards. Our thanks to Andrea Carter (Chair of HR/Safeguarding) Rachel Dixon our Safeguarding Officer and Cath Johnston, our PCC link for safeguarding with the diocese.

Finance is on the agenda for each meeting and the end of year accounts for 2025 have been approved by the PCC and are presented at this APCM. Our grateful thanks once again go to Gina Ikonou, the church treasurer and to Catherine Ibrahim our Church Administrator who is also Finance assistant. Thanks also go Martin Cunningham, who is our Independent Financial Examiner.

Premises Management is always on the agenda and we are grateful to our Church Wardens for overseeing the care of our buildings. In particular Phil Wearon who continues to invest a lot of time and energy in ensuring the Church Centre runs efficiently. There is also a small team who keep the church grounds outside looking tidy and attractive and help with various jobs inside. There is also some paid gardening support. The church properties (the flat above the church office and a 3-bed house in Invicta Close, BR7) continue to be let commercially and the monthly income from both help with the disparity between our income and necessary expenditure. Spinnaker Trust continue to use the office space and PALS Pre-School meets daily during term time. Our sincere thanks go to our Church Wardens, Phil Wearon & Judith West, for their oversight of the church site, properties, the grounds, the kitchens and dealing with the many varied comments and suggestions from the church community.

The PCC were delighted to be able to interview and appoint Rachel Haig as our new part time Pastoral Lead in January 2026. Our grateful thanks go to Catherine Humphries our part-time Ministry Leader for Families and Children, to Pete Jones as our part-time Youth Minister and Rachel Haig, who all continue to do wonderful work for the whole church family.

Ministry and Mission is always an agenda item with a different focus of ministry being considered at each meeting. In addition to the regular Life Groups there have also been several additional courses and events including The Bible Course, Called to Serve and speaking Gods word courses. Adrian Dobbs was the speaker at the first Ladies's Day and Cathy Madavan was the speaker for the 2nd Ladies's Day; she also spoke at the Sunday service. We also continue to support Matthew Humphries in his ordinand training at St Mellitus and are glad to have him and his family at CCC.

Finally, Thanks go to Dave Johnston for his chairmanship of the PCC and for his leadership at CCC. Thanks also to those who have served on the PCC for the last twelve months, some of whom are now standing down. A special mention goes to Angela Scott who is stepping back from PCC and her role in the Deanery Synod after decades of faithful service! We welcome all potential new members following the APCM this May.

Ruth Mehmet PCC Secretary