

ST MARY MAGDALEN, KNIGHTON

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting held on
Tuesday 12 May 2026**

Present: Revd Adrian Jones (Vicar; Chairman), Revd Cecilia Adjadje, Amanda Beck (Treasurer), Beryl Bonfield, Mick Gasper (Church Warden), David Palmer, Nigel Siesage (Secretary), Ida Stanyer and Amanda Youngman.

Apologies for absence were received from Sian Howard and Tabitha Fogg

The PCC reflected on Acts I

26/21 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

The PCC expressed its appreciation to Mick Gasper for his service as Church Warden and for agreeing to cover the position for a month.

The following were re-elected to the offices indicated:

- Vice-Chairs: Sian Howard having been elected as Church Warden at the APCM, was elected as Vice-Chair of the PCC. When appointed, the other warden would also be a vice-chair.
- Treasurer: Amanda Beck
- Secretary: Nigel Siesage
- Electoral Roll Officer: The role remained vacant. Amanda Youngman offered to consider the requirements of the position. **Action: AY**
- Safeguarding lead: It was agreed that the Vicar would review the requirements of the position, which was not as challenging as people might assume. It could then be advertised again to the congregation. In the meantime it was hoped that Mrs Fogg could act as link person to the PCC on general safeguarding policy developments.
Action AJ
- Environmental Champion: This remained vacant
- Health and Safety Adviser: Following Mr Britton's retirement, this position remained vacant.
- Publicity and Social Media Officer: This position still remained vacant.

The following were appointed as members or conveners of committees and groups:

- Standing Committee: The Vicar (Chairman), the Wardens, Mrs Beck, Mr Palmer, Mr Siesage
- Social and Fund-raising Committee: Mrs Bonfield as convener
- Worship and Outreach Group: Vicar as convener
- Buildings and Grounds Group: Vicar as convener, with Mr Britton. Mr Oldershaw had resigned but was willing to offer advice on request. It was suggested that John Bogumsky should be approached **Action AJ**

- Parish Centre Management Group: It was agreed that, in view of the overlap with the membership of the Steering Committee, the functions of the group should be subsumed in those of the Steering Committee.

PCC considered other members of the congregation who might be approached about outstanding vacancies on the PCC and other functions in the Parish.

26/22 **STANDING ORDERS**

The PCC reviewed and approved its own Standing Orders.

26/23 **SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

The PCC considered and approved a social media policy applicable to church officers or members of the ministry team, governing their engagement with any parish social media account. The policy would next be reviewed no later than May 2029.

26/24 **MINSTER COMMUNITIES**

The Vicar reported on progress of discussions about the establishment of the proposed 'Teal' minster community. Discussions were taking place in a good, collaborative spirit, but some challenges remained, including for instance the role of women clergy. Several titles were being considered for the community.

26/25 **PARISH CENTRE**

Mrs Beck reported on the progress of discussions with potential partner organisations on the repair/redevelopment of the Parish Centre. Meanwhile quotes were being obtained for the immediate repair of the roof, some of which appeared to be too high.

26/26 **CORNERSTONE**

Mrs Beck briefed the PCC on the Cornerstone system, designed to assist parishes in developing their giving programmes. Mrs Stanyer and Mr Siesage agreed to try out the platform. **Action: IS, NS**

26/27 **PLACE OF PEACE**

The Vicar reported on the difficulties experienced in obtaining planning permission.

26/28 **ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

The PCC considered a paper by the Vicar on the administration of the elements at Holy Communion. There were two issues:

1. Some members of the congregation prefer to dip their wafer into the wine once received, because they were concerned about picking up or passing on infections through sharing the Common Cup. This practice is called 'intinction'.
2. Others were concerned that intinction might be contaminating the Common Cup with viruses or bacteria from hands (this was the position of the Church of England); it was almost certainly also adding gluten to the wine, causing problems for those who are gluten-intolerant.

The PCC agreed that for a trial period, an additional chalice be provided on a separate table, for use by those who preferred intinction.

26/29 **MINISTRY EXPERIENCE SCHEME**

The Vicar reported that the Parish had been invited to take a participant in the Ministry Experience Scheme, which provided for people aged 18 to 30 who were exploring the possibility of ministry for a year. Participating parishes would benefit from an additional pair of hands and most of the costs would be found, but it was likely that some contribution would be necessary. Members of the PCC were interested in the proposal and asked the Vicar to provide more details at the next meeting. **Action: AJ**

26/30 **COFFEE MORNING**

The PCC noted that the recent coffee morning had raised the very satisfactory total of £581.

26/31 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2026 were taken as read and approved.

26/32 **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

PCC noted that that had been a problem with some masonry on the east wall of the chancel.

Two benches in the churchyard had again broken and the Vicar agreed to contact the City Council to see if they had any solutions to the problem. **Action: AJ**

26/33 **SAFEGUARDING**

There were no matters for report.

26/34 **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Thursday 25th June - PCC

August (date to be determined) - Standing Committee (to consider 2027 Parish Contribution to the Diocese)

Tues 15th Sept -PCC
Tues 3rd Nov - PCC

Meeting closed at 21: 35 with the Grace

Chairman