

Minutes Chapel Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 21st January 2026

- 1.) **Opening prayer** was led by Father Benjamin
- 2.) **Those present:** Fr Benjamin, Peter Barnes, Barbara Hindley, Joan Matthews, Sue Thornhill, Frank Frost, Lucia McClean, Anne Lomas, Pat Dawson. Also attending: Dick Bateman, Irene Hindle, Kath Bamford, Helen Huskisson. Apologies: Don and Jacqui Lavery
- 3.) **Minutes of last meeting** were approved; Sue will send a pdf to Rob Aldous to put on the website and will put a hard copy on the noticeboard at the back of church.
- 4.) **Finance - collection, banking, Ukrainian accounting**
Reconciled funds at 31 March 2026 Total £118388.73, Set off account £110975.58, Current account £7413.15.
Ukrainian accounting current surplus of income over expenditure £8655.59 (23/24 818.07, 24/25 4168.80, 25/26 3668.72), this to be used for fire door approx. 600 and decorating approx. 5000, also pathwork 19,000 estimate. IFM now refunded a further £909.65 Peter still awaiting any clarification. Post Office bank no longer accepts cheques, any received need to be taken to another bank – none local! - or sent to the diocese.
- 5.) **Rotas, Visiting and pastoral care, Churches Together, Parish social.**
Readers now have a WhatsApp chat group to help organising cover. Also, Leigh will be taking over organising the rota from Barbara.
Barbara and Dick, our eucharistic ministers, now have a risk assessment for visits and forms on which to record visits.
Churches Together have 2 more months of the Mustard Seed before breaking for summer. Lent lunches went very well this year.
Social events – a date has been set for the next lunch club outing. Peter will organise another film night and Pat is going to organise a bingo afternoon. Peter has all arrangements in hand for 23 parishioners and 2 priests to visit Walsingham in May, final payment due soon.
- 6.) **Church Vision – future spending Quinquennial Review**
Quinquennial review – **Action** Peter has now located the spreadsheet and will be splitting the quinquennial list into those jobs over and under £10,000 – the new limit for the amount a parish priest can spend.
- 7.) **Health and Safety**
Frank has assembled the documents we are required to display for opening the church and cleared them with Rachael at the diocese.
He has also completed and left copies of the professional Risk Assessment for last year and the Church fire plan for Fr Greg to look at.

Joan confirmed she is the person responsible for checking the first aid box. New fire-resistant mats have been placed under the votive candles.

8.) **Processions**

Sunday 3rd May 2026 at 3.00 p.m. **Action** Don will organise the procession and crowning of Our Lady, Anne to do the flowers.

Saturday 6th June after Mass - a Corpus Christi procession, singing and benediction in church afterwards - yet to be planned.

9.) **Any other business**

Joan mentioned again that only 4 red Missio boxes are being used and it is a disproportionate amount of work to send the money off. It was concluded that the parish will no longer use the red boxes, but people will be encouraged to donate online, as some already do.

Joan also said that she has trouble hearing the readers and priest at Chapel church but does not have difficulty in Buxton or other churches and wondered if our audio system could be upgraded. **Action** Peter will ask Don if he can improve the current system, if this does not help, we will look into upgrading.

It was suggested again that we need to look for more first aiders at Chapel as Joan often attends Mass at Buxton on Sunday morning and so may not be at Chapel on Saturday. Pat mentioned again an excellent defibrillator course she attended at Buxton. A number of us would be interested in attending this at Chapel if it could be arranged. **Action** raise this with Fr Greg.

10.) Date of next meeting – Wednesday 22nd July after 10 a.m. mass.