

Chapel Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 16th January 2025 Minutes

1.) Opening prayer – Fr Gerry led a period of silence for us to think of ourselves. We then remembered and prayed for those grieving, parishioners at home unwell and for peace, especially in the Israeli-Gaza conflict.

2.) Apologies for absence – received from Anne Parker and Anne Lomas.
Present: Fr Gerry, Don Lavery, Peter Barnes, Barbara Hindley, Jacqui Lavery, Pat Dawson, Joan Matthews, Lucia McLean, Frank Frost, Sue Thornhill.

3.) Minutes of the last meeting were approved and will be put on the website and on the noticeboard at the back of church.

Matters arising

Thanks were expressed to Joan for all her work concerning the possibility of having a display screen in church.

Frank and Don reported that people visited church before Christmas, including a family to see the crib but it has been quieter in the cold weather since.

Don has not yet made progress on improvements to the church entrance or the fire door from the parish room to the house.

Walsingham payment in December was incorrectly sent by diocese back to the parish, this has now been rectified. Money was raised in coffee morning at Buxton. Peter presented parish financial situation at Mass, there has been 1 additional gift aid and 3 have increased contributions.

Fr Gerry thanked those who decorated the church at Christmas.

4.) Finance – Peter provided a paper of funds reconciled to 30th September

Total fund available	£21136.44
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Current account	£ 6608.94
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Set off account	£14527.50
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Peter now has direct access to the bank account. At 15/01/25 current account has £13381.66 including fuel payment refund £2668, Walsingham deposit £1248 to come out. It was agreed that a further £5000 be put in the set off account.

Ukrainian accounting – current payment of £700 per month will reduce to £350 on 1st April and remain at this for a further year, after which no payment will be made. Tamila's contract is due for renewing in July. Current excess of income over expenditure (£2500) earmarked for fire door, insurance and reglazing.

5.) Safeguarding – Anne Parker's DBS is now complete. Barbara and Dick have completed online training. Sue to check Grainne, Cat and Anne can complete their training by deadline, 31/03/25. Parish audit completed by Don and Sue and sent to safeguarding office. Latest quarterly safeguarding report completed.

6.) Sale of Tideswell Church – 6 bids received, diocese (who own land and building) accepted £135000 from cash buyer. Solicitors appointed 5th December, contract drawn up 10th December. Don to try to establish likely timeframe for sale.

7.) Churches Together – Pat reported that there is a service and soup lunch at St Thomas a Beckett, 22nd January at 10.30. Mass cancelled here to facilitate this. Taize for Christian Unity on 19th January at Chinley Chapel.

The Warm Space continues Mondays 10 -12. Pat and Helen volunteer, people attending are mostly from the churches knit and natter group.

Lent Lunches start 7th March, our church catering on 21st March, help needed.

Harvest Supper raised £75.55 for Christian Aid.

Churches Together meeting 4th February at the Mustard Seed.

8.) Vote on the proposal for a display screen in church – Don asked us to vote on installing a screen this year: 1 vote for, 7 against, 2 abstentions. Concern expressed over size and impact of screen in our small church and lack of people to operate it.

9.) Year of Jubilee – Fr Gerry gave PPC members the Jubilee companion booklet. Booklets to be given out at Mass 1st February. The Jubilee theme is Pilgrims of Hope. Fr. suggested we might like to consider adopting a parish such as the Holy Family Parish in Gaza City which has a school or asking Aid to the Church in Need if they could give us a parish. Links to websites will be circulated and we can think about this for a couple of weeks as what we decide can evolve over the year.

10.) Any other business

Jacqui requested some money for the garden, Peter will provide £100.

Barbara suggested we start Stations of the Cross at the beginning of Lent. It was decided to start from Friday 7th March at 10, a rota of people to lead each week.

Fr Gerry proposed that a PPC member should lead the prayer at each meeting, focussing on our community and with scripture reading, shared or silent prayer.

Joan, Barbara and Pat are organising a Taize for our Lenten journey towards light on Friday March 14 at 6.30.

Easter services: Ash Wednesday 5th March mass at normal Wednesday mass time;

Easter services as last year. Don to do Good Friday Liturgy, Saturday vigil at Buxton and Easter Sunday mass at 9 at Chapel.

Peter suggested we sell Christmas cards at the back of church. Marie used to coordinate sale of cards; we need to find someone to do this.

Fr. will mention Marie's anniversary (17th January) at mass this weekend.

Peter said the amount of money should be written on gift aid envelopes we keep.

Fr explained we receive no Christmas or Easter offering envelopes because he is opted into salary scheme.

Barbara reported that the 100 club made £1175 last year.

11.) Date of next meeting – Thursday 20th March 2.30 Barbara will lead the prayer.

