

St Anne's PPC Meeting Minutes 26 02 2026

7pm in the Meeting Room

Item	Persons
1. Welcome and Opening Prayer	YR
2. Apologies: M McC, MS	YR
3. Minute taker for this evening: TL	
<p>4. Finance - MS Report and Fr Greg input</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is just under 78.000£ in the bank account. • Outstanding major bills: new boiler & replacement of some old windows in the Presbytery • Bell Tower repair (estimate ~ 30.000£): proposed to be partly covered by grants. <p>Action GD: to circulate shortlist of potential grant applications prior to next PCC; some donors may require raising a matching amount: to be discussed next time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In response to a question from one parishioner regarding funding of our priests: although residential in Buxton, funding for both positions is covered by all 4 parishes. 	MS/Fr G
<p>5. Buildings – Quinquennial Report, report from MS + other</p> <p>Quinquennial report: currently no scheduled plan to work through actions in place; this requires input from individuals in the parish with the right skills:</p> <p>Action Fr Greg: talk to Paul Fetherstone & Peter Barret, both bring experience in building surveillance, if they are prepared to help (e.g. as part of a small 'PCC building' group.</p>	Fr G, MS, TL
<p>6. Safeguarding + other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MS just completed the latest audit report and submitted this to the diocese. 	MS
<p>7. Pastoral – Visiting, diaspora communities + other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Visiting: Although well organised by Iris T through the visiting group and by several individuals who regularly visit parishioners, the 	All

<p>question was raised how effectively we reach out to parishioners who might need support, e.g. in times of bereavement, and who are not on the ‘current radar’; it was felt we could be more proactive in this area and drive a culture of ‘our community needs looking after the community’; it was suggested that a more inclusive atmosphere through different seating arrangements (chairs instead of pews) and holding after-Mass-coffee-mornings in the church instead of the parish centre would help (as is practice in other congregations in Buxton).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Church: Since the Church is now open during the week many visitors (and local residents of Buxton?) have visited our church. It was observed that opening the doors towards the main road has a particularly inviting effect. <p>Action Fr. Greg: to put a note into one of the next News Letters to emphasise the need for looking out for each other.</p> <p>Action TL: to get in touch with Ken & MS to complete the health & safety assessment applicable to these open hours for the building insurance.</p>	
<p>8. Mission (inc. Liturgy) – Report back from courses Masses; First Communion; Children’s Liturgy; Lenten liturgies; Lenten events; Reconciliation Service; Plans for Holy Week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offertory procession: last year’s lively and colourful offertory procession with music and dance during one of the Masses organised by our parishioners from Africa was generally very well received; it was proposed to repeat this on another occasion, e.g. for the Easter celebration or Pentecost. <p>Action CU: to contact his friends of our African community to see if and when this could be organised again.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from Courses: Fr Greg, YR & GD shared their experience and views from recent events/courses; details are already communicated in separate emails; noteworthy was the introduction of ‘liturgy cards’ from the diocese describing ways to exercise various ministries (i.a. ministry of welcome); it 	All

<p>was decided to review those in more detail in our next PCC.</p> <p>Action GD: to select relevant topics of the liturgy cards for introduction and discussion in the next PCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feast Day of St. Annes 26th July: It was proposed to celebrate this as Parish Event after Mass, e.g. with a barbecue or food-sharing from the various nationalities of our parishioners; this needs to be discussed in more detail in our next PCC. 	
<p>9. Rotas <i>No change; new rota needed for Q2/26</i></p>	?
<p>10. Retirement of Mrs Wiggins (St. Annes Head teacher): Mrs Wiggins had a significant impact to positively drive the reputation and performance of St. Annes Primary School. It was suggested to recognise her achievements during the Mass on St. Annes Day on the 26th July (albeit this is after her retirement day).</p> <p>Action GD: to check if Mrs Wiggins would be available on the 26th July</p>	YR & all
<p>11. Date of next meeting & opening prayer 21st May 2026 7pm in the Presbytery as usual</p>	YR
<p>12. Thanks and Closing Prayer</p>	YR