



Pastrow Family

Churches sharing the love, grace and truth of Jesus Christ

Parish of Pastrow

Parochial Church Council Meeting

8th July 2025 7.30 pm

Christ Church Hatherden

Attendance and apologies see sheet at end of minutes.

Minutes	Action
Welcome and Opening Prayer ARB welcomed all those present, and opened the meeting with a Prayer	
Late Urgent Items None	
Minutes Minutes from the 13 th May were agreed as correct and signed by ARB	
Matters Arising LCG Spending limits – moving forward, S & E complete, others still to be confirmed. Quinquennials – RB said he had been asked to obtain another quote before booking an architect.	
Mission and Ministry	
LyCiG Events and services are mostly happening as planned, and it is good to see later in the year what has happened. 1 st November – LyCiG planning morning at Hurstbourne, Hall to be booked. Sheets to be reviewed September time by the LCG's, to look at what has happened and think about next year and also look at things pastorally.	JA


<p>The Well</p> <p>Launched over the Novena in June with 3 quiet days and 2 retreats, ending with a celebration of bell ringing for Bell Ringers Sunday.</p> <p>A further retreat is planned for the 29th and 30th August.</p>	
<p>Implementation Document.</p> <p>Alex spoke about page 3 of the implementation document, our worship plan and how Elliot will be leaving us and we have no new person coming.</p> <p>Service Patterns – we will need to think strategically about them, and a we need to start to think about a review for the new year.</p> <p>Alex gave thanks to Ian, Sue and Jill for helping.</p> <p>Andrew Lancaster is starting as an ordinand and we also are very lucky to have Terry, Alan and Tammy as well as our retired clergy. It is hoped we will get Kenton more often.</p> <p>At the November PCC we will need to see if we can sustain the pattern of services with the people we have.</p> <p>With the PFG going well, we need to look at what local churches want for the rest of the month.</p>	
<p>Work for the Standing Committee and Ministry Team</p> <p>All policies and procedures to be finalised and done to bring to the November meeting.</p> <p>Ministry Team to think about The Well for 2026.</p>	
<p>FaCT Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FaCT update – Including Intern update. • AE reported that the numbers attending Messy Church continue to be variable, from 18 children and 17 adults in March to 3 children and 9 adults in May, but there was a new family at both the February and March services. The FaCT reviewed Messy Church at the Business Meeting on 15 May and cancelled the June one due to lack of team members and the afternoon service at Tangleby. They are running a joint Family Service in August with Play and Praise to try out the format and see if families can be encouraged to come to the morning service as there isn't a Messy Church or Play and Praise service in August. If a joint service works the FaCT may look at amalgamating the two. • Play & Praise numbers are more regular but again fluctuate, from 12 children and 18 adults in January to 8 children and 14 adults in April. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Youth Group was also reviewed by the FaCT at the business meeting on 15 May to consider other options, as the Monday afternoon meetings weren't working and have been suspended. Currently none of the young people are coming to Sunday services. • AE said that Veronica Brewer of Andover Parish was still trying to arrange a visit to Christ Church Winchester who are running a MES scheme to get information about their experience of the scheme but had not received a date from them yet. Andover Parish may also want to wait for the new Rector to arrive before making any final decision on running a MES scheme. As selection for the next intake happens in Jan / Feb for Sep we would not get an intern before Sep 2026 and it is likely to be Sep 2027. A R-B said that we have funds available so should try advertising locally to see if there is anyone who wants a part time job or a year's work experience. A R-B and AE will draft a job description for advertising. 	
Fabric and Finance	
<p>Safeguarding</p> <p>Safeguarding report attached.</p> <p>Worksheet I A Questions asked and discussed; points raised.</p> <p>WB raised that at Charlton children went outside unsupervised during the service. But parents are aware this happens.</p> <p>A separate policy maybe needed to cover us going into the Enham Trust and services we hold at Michaels house.</p> <p>CD Raised the point we should never go alone.</p> <p>AE raised about care home single working.</p> <p>RB suggested rules should be written up going forward.</p> <p>AE mentioned that on his SG course, communication was the biggest problem.</p> <p>Leaders at groups should ensure that risk assessments and safeguarding information is available to all helpers and also think about fire drills.</p> <p>ARB concluded that all this is about culture and asked what are our strengths and weaknesses in a large parish. Responses included:</p> <p>Communication is always an issue. Perhaps 40% don't go outside the parish boundary. CD thinks this could change through the Pastoral Care program and safeguarding could also change and we need to make sure we are all singing from the same hymn sheet.</p> <p>SB – suggested that each LCG have a person to sort communication within.</p>	

<p>Action Points –</p> <p>Policy for Care homes and Enham Trust</p> <p>Strengths incorporating discussions in the September meeting.</p>	<p>Ministry Team</p>
<p>Treasurers Update</p> <p>Accounts pre supplied – some account categories are missing but the final figures are correct.</p> <p>We had not paid the CMF for Pastrow and £5000 has now been paid.</p> <p>Charlton have looked at their finances and have upped their monthly payment to £1000.</p> <p>CMF - WB explained about the new splits for 2026 (sheet to be sent out), and how the need to be reviewed as previously based on pre-merger. However, Vernham Dean needs to be reviewed as the figure is not realistic with an increase of 47%.</p> <p>WB feels this needs to be sorted out and leave the CMF as asked and if some fall short others could help to pay.</p> <p>Worshipping figures needs to be simplified to give to each LCG.</p> <p>ARB has said we could go back to the Diocese and say this has gone wrong and ask for help.</p> <p>WB asked all LCG's to look at figures based on the new sheet.</p> <p>WB asked if there was any advance on finding a new Treasurer. Currently no.</p> <p>SB said that WB did a grand job.</p> <p>ARB formally offered thanks to Charlton for upping the monthly payment.</p>	
<p>Quinquennials</p> <p>Penton – Complete</p> <p>Facombe – booked for 2026</p> <p>Weyhill – needs to be booked for 2026</p> <p>Smannell & Enham – to be booked for 2026</p> <p>Vernham Dean & Linkenholt – complete.</p> <p>Hatherden & Tanglely – tbc</p>	
<p>Graveyard Pre-Faculty Applications</p> <p>ARB explained about the new policy.</p>	

<p>RB asked if we should say 'best endeavours' to reserve and they pay for the plaque as part of the pre-faculty process.</p> <p>ARB explained about what has happened.</p> <p>RB said that we need to be explicit on the form that it is not a legal contract.</p> <p>On Annex B – A note to say reasonable endeavours will be made to ensure the reservation – and clearly state that legal protection is needed via a full faculty from the diocese.</p> <p>We have pre-faculty requests from Mrs Jackson (Weyhill) and Tony Pearson (Hatherden). It was unsure if these had been raised at the LCG's and minutes from the LCG's giving approval are needed before proceeding.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>PCC Meeting - Tuesday 9th September 7.30 pm Christ Church Hatherden</p>	

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Signed 

Dated 9TH September 2025

Original signed document held by PCC Secretary.



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Attendance/Apologies

PCC Members				Notes/ Substitute
Revd Alex Randle-Bissell	ARB	Rector/Chair	✓	
Revd Carol Dunk	CD	Vicar	✓	
Revd Elliot Grove	EG	Curate	✓	
Sally Brewer	SB	Pastoral Warden	✓	
Terry Milne	TM	Administrative Warden	Apologies	
William Belben	WB	Treasurer	✓	
Judith Appleby	JA	Secretary	✓	
Alice Brewer	AB	Charlton LCG	Apologies	William Belben
Harriet Cooper	HC	Penton LCG		
James Cunniffe	JC	Weyhill LCG	✓	
Karen Blakeman	KB	Hatherden & Tangley LCG	Apologies	
Rod Bowker	RB	Smannell & Enham LCG	✓	
Vacant	JJ	HBT LCG	✓	Jane Jones
Vacant	TB	Vernham Dean & Linkenholt LCG	✓	Tom Backhouse
Vacant		Facombe LCG		
Alan Evans	AE	Deanery Synod Rep (co-opted member)	✓	

Non-PCC attendees

Name	Church
Irene Wilson	Enham