



Pastrow Family

Churches sharing the love, grace and truth of Jesus Christ

Parish of Pastrow

Parochial Church Council Meeting

13th January 2026 7.30 pm

Via Zoom

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 Prayer	
Late Urgent Items AE – would like Charity Declaration forms back ASAP.	All
Minutes Minutes from the 11 th November were agreed as correct and signed by ARB	
Matters Arising Service patterns need to be address, and this will change with the departure of ARB from April onwards. EG may also be leaving from May/ June time. ARB said that a retired clergy member has moved into Charlton and is willing to get PTO and help out. The Registry can be used free of charge during interregnum. We also have Ian Smale, Sue Hobbins and Jill Bentall to ask to help; Howard Jamerson (Area Dean) is also willing to help. WB asked if we will need to have an interregnum, or advertise sooner. ARB has asked the Diocese and is meeting with the Archdeacon to see if we can start the Parish Profile. ARB will ask if we can do Communion by extension with our LLM's. Policy for Enham, feedback from EG is needed	EG

Mission and Ministry	
LyCiG We have had all the bits in from all Parishes and thanks for their hard work for them for planning for this year. Master to be sent out with the minutes	JA
Benedictus 26 Cards have been sent out, and are on the website. This year we are looking at the Beatitudes and looking at blessings itself, we also have a connection to Ffald y Brenin Retreat Centre. Things are planned for this year, and a Lent group course based on this has been written by AL. The ministry Team have felt for things to move forward we need to let go of the past which stirs up emotions. During Holy Week the plan is to hold most events at Tangle. Also, a couple are coming from Ffald y Brenin team to lead a retreat. Benedictus web page to be populated over the coming weeks.	ARB/JA
Alpha The course started last week with 14 people, and some are people who don't come to church. Two are parents with children. The course has been condensed, and the Holy Spirit Day will be a service at Tangle, and it is hoped that the candidates will move onto the Lent Course.	
Lent Course Has been spoken about already, the course is a proposal and AL is still tweaking before going live, AL our Ordinand has put this together and ARB thanked AL for his work.	
Announcement ARB reported on his announcement on Sunday regarding his leaving. As a PCC we need to think about how we are going to move forward, it has been intimated by the diocese that we will have two full time clergy,	

As we do things differently here and have changed our governance model, while we are in this position we need to affirm CD as our person in charge of mission and ministry, and effectively be the acting priest in charge. SB & TM agree this is the best way forward, <i>TM formally proposed and SB seconded - All present agreed with this proposal and ARB will be take this to the archdeacon and Bishop for confirmation.</i> ARB asked also if he took to the bishop that a plan be put in place and be taken forward as soon as possible. <i>All present agreed. Announcement – on voting was there any abstentions. Questions asked at 10/3/26 meeting</i>	ARB
Pastoral Care Journeying together in God's love – CD to do a presentation in each of the churches to highlight the importance of Pastoral Care. CD working with SB (pastoral warden) to start putting the team together. Presentation to be taken to Ministry Team for approval before rolling out. The consultation document will remain the same with an odd tweak for the congregations as that given to the LCG's. The document needs to be on view in all churches. With a shared understanding in our parishes of our pastoral care now and with all being able to have a say, we can then have a clear picture on how to move forward. The document will be out early February.	CD
Fabric & Finance	
Linkenholt Tower On west side of tower, you can put your hand into a hole on the wooden post. Following the quinquennial a meeting was arranged in November with the architect and Ian Whitehorn from Darts and a request put in for the repair of the work estimate. Total price £74,979.76 for works from Darts. Some are provisional sums as full access is not possible to see the full picture. The scaffolding is £6796 + VAT to allow us to firm up the work. DH asked if we work on the figures quoted or carry our full investigation. We also need to allow for professional fees and VAT plus contingency allowance, £125000 apx final figures which would need to be raised.	

DH feels we need to look how to manage the cost and how we can fund raise, also look for grant aid and large donation. This is possible as similar happened at St Marys apx 24 yrs ago. DH would like the PCC to consider carrying our more investigation and is waiting a call back from Ian Whitehorn to see if we can see a better price for investigation. ARB has said that in other instances a cherry picker is hired but craned into the grounds to reduce the costs. SB asked if a drone could be used to investigate. Summarising ARB feels we do need to go further and perhaps look at a cherry picker to gain access without need for scaffolding. ARB said we need to start drafting a letter to the local community to explain the situation and start funding. RB suggested using the quinquennial architect, DH confirmed he passed on the details of Dart to do the further investigations. JC explained the situation about applying for grants and how much information was needed before applying. When DH has more information, he will share with the LCG and PCC. AE asked as a PCC we all agree for DH to proceed. <i>Everyone present all agreed for this to happen.</i>	ARB/CD DH
Safeguarding See safeguarding report.	
Treasurers Report WB shared the draft accounts for 2025, as you can see, we are apx £50 in the red. We are in a better finance situation that we started the year. The families and children's team are also in the Red, as a PCC we need to ask for more funds for the Children's and Families team either from the PCC or any of our Trusts. ARB is due to have a meeting with the Penton Mission Trust soon and will ask the question. It was confirmed as £1500 initial grant and it was suggested this time, we ask for £1500 or £2000. AE has said some of this could be because of changing the structure of the FaCT team.	

SB suggested we should start charging the children, for the events. WB said Lloyd's bank back tracked on trustees not on the Fees, so Charges are now coming through and going forward would like to move to hopefully the Coop but we can not open an account until we are registered as a charity. The appeals for more paying for the CMF had mixed results. Some paid more, some are relooking in January and others have not stepped up. It was suggested it was asked why people have not paid more?										
Quinquennials TM currently waiting on a date for Charlton TM waiting on a written confirmation to his verbal one that Weyhill does not currently need a quinquennial.										
Graveyard Pre-Faculty Applications None received.										
Future Dates Dates for future meetings as follows – <table><tr><td>13th January 2026</td><td>10th March</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>12th May</td><td>APCM Sunday 7th June</td><td>14th July</td></tr><tr><td>8th September</td><td>10th November</td><td></td></tr></table>	13th January 2026	10 th March		12 th May	APCM Sunday 7 th June	14 th July	8 th September	10 th November		
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Next Meeting PCC Meeting – Tuesday 10th March 7.30 pm via zoom										

The meeting closed with the Grace.

SignedSigned by Alex Randle-Bissell.....

Dated.....10th March 2026.....



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

Non-PCC attendees

Name	Church