

THE MISSION COMMUNITY OF ST PETER AND THE HOLY APOSTLES

St Peter - Wyndham Square
St Thomas - 90 Royal Navy Avenue, Keyham
St James the Less - Ham Drive

MINUTES OF THE JOINT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Meeting Date	16 th July 2025
Meeting Venue	St. Peter's Church
Attendees	As recorded in the attendance book
Prayers	Father David opened the meeting with a prayer.
Apologies	Mr. Roger Lewis, Mr. Ken Collins
Minutes of last meeting	These were accepted as a true record
Matters arising, not covered by items on the agenda	The Oswestry Regional Festival will only be a Pastoral Visitation. The event has been downgraded due to the amount of activities that are taking place in September.
Finance	The Treasurer gave a report on the finances for the first 6 months of the year. A copy is attached.
Buildings	St. Peter's: We have had an update from the architect regarding the parapet. It will cost approximately £25,000 to remove it and replace it. However, it would require a hydraulic platform and entail closing the square for the 2 days of work, and this would incur an additional cost. As this is a recurring issue, Father David is going to ask if the intermediate towers, which are the ones causing the issue, can be removed. The D.A.C. are due to inspect the problem on the Tuesday following the meeting. The D.A.C. and defibrillator suppliers are in discussion as the cost of the installation is above the defibrillator budget.
People	Ben will be starting his 12-month training course to become a Deacon in September. His training will be 1 day a week, which means he will not be available to work in the Parish on that day, and he will not have the same availability as at present. There has been a decline in numbers attending Mass recently. Father David went through the missing people to establish a reason for their absence.
Plymouth Plan	At present, the plan is very fluid, but the funding for it has not yet been received. The Society Parishes in Plymouth will need to start working as 1 single Parish, although they will retain the individual status. There are currently a number of vacancies for Priests in Plymouth and funding for 11 has been applied for. The 5 Society Parishes, St. Bartholomew, St. Gabriel, St' Francis, St. Thomas and St. Peter's will have the

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	appearance of 1 single Parish, with St. Peter's at the centre of it, but at present there has been no indication of any extra resources for this.
Safeguarding / GDPR	The training and handover are still ongoing.
Mission Opportunities & Upcoming Events	Food Co-operative: Unfortunately, this is not working in its present format. After discussions, it was decided that there is not, at present, a need for a Food Co-op in this area due to the number of various options available locally. It will be looked at again in September, and if it reopens, it will be in a different format. Sunday Drop-in Centre: The Salvation Army have been running a drop-in centre on the Barbican which has now closed, and they are looking for somewhere else to go and have approached St. Peter's in the hope that we can help. It will be open from 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm although access will be needed 30 minutes either side of those times, and it will be managed by the Salvation Army. Project 57:8: During cold weather, a number of churches open their doors overnight to allow access for rough sleepers. We are looking at being 1 of 7 churches in the City Centre area to offer this. It will be for 1 night a week from October to March for approximately 20 sleepers to have access to St. Dunstan's. Everything needed for this will be delivered during the day and collected the following morning. St. Peter Summer Carnival: This was suggested for Saturday 16th August, with a planning meeting on Wednesday 13th August at 1.00 pm. Flower Festival: Hopefully this will be held on the 1st weekend in October.
School Report	There is nothing to report from the school, but an emotional leavers service was held earlier in the week.
Baby Basics	An afternoon tea is planned for Sunday 20 th July from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm. There have been 88 referrals so far this year, with 325 in total.
Dates of PCC Meetings for the coming year	Thursday 25th September. The venue has yet to be decided, and it may be a joint meeting with the other Society Parishes, as this will be part of Bishop Paul's Visitation to Plymouth Wednesday 12th November at St. Thomas Wednesday 14th January at St. Peter's

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	All P.C.C. meetings to start at 7.00 pm
Blessing	There being no further business, Fr. David closed the meeting with a blessing.

Signed as a true record: