

OPC PCC MINUTES 13 OCTOBER 2025

Opening Prayers – John Simkins.

Apologies. Martin Hird, Ken Dale, Barry and Glynis Milner.

Present. Allan Boddy, Jackie Hird, Eric Cairns, John Simkins, Tony Pike, Norman Barr, Rosemary Ellen, Jonathan Joslin, Maggie Lolashvili, Aaron Kennedy, Tom Raper. Jenny Liston. Kevin Keefe

2. Declaration of Interests. - Tony Pike mentioned furnishing Sunday Club / Youth Vestry.

3. **Safeguarding.** - Jenny gave an Action Summary from the Dashboard this highlighted future Induction training for new leaders and the ongoing support. Jenny to prompt.

3.1 – Reviewing Social Media posts of volunteers – Jenny reported two people happy to train as volunteers, Jenny seeking permission from Leeds Diocese.

3.2 – Lone Working – some guidance has been received from Diocese. Aaron to circulate code of conduct for clergy. Jenny looking at Barnabus Group for policies.

3.3 – Restored training – Jenny mentioned Level 1, 2 and 3 courses. Eg Understanding Domestic Abuse, Supporting People Who Have Been Abused. Jenny indicated Beacon Church Status as something we can work towards eg Vineyard Church Leeds.

3.4 - Questionnaire to youth groups. - Jenny attending Sunday Youth Group 19th November 2025 and plans to attend Friday Youth Group.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting held on September 8th.**

Proposed – Tony Pike

Seconded – Rosemary Ellen.

5. Matters Arising.

5.1 – proposed for January 2026 PCC ie change of format for 3rd Sunday services

5.2 - Aaron stated that pastoral notes only an aide memoir and not stored as data.

6 Events – general discussion about recent successful events took place.

Cover required for Nov1st Brighthouse / Rastrick Concert reqd.

Hug on a Tray Event Nov 8th.

Coffee Festival April 2026 – Musical entertainment in church only and not suitable in the church grounds.

7 Finances - 7.1 Tony Pike oral report. - less money due to OCRN moving out of Chestnuts expenditure below budget by £2k deficit possibly £20k by end of year Autumn Fayre raised £2k.

Full Report by Tony in late November 2025.

7.2 – Budget for 2026. - issues and spending priorities let Tony know asap.

7.3 - Quinquennial priorities – Tom to obtain quotation for costs to re grout nave and path repairs. Report for Nov PCC.

8 . Properties

8.1 - Carbon Net Zero draft letter to congregation to be sent.

8.2 - Norman reported that first stage application process to NLHF successful.

A proposal of thanks by Tony Pike towards Norman for leading the Carbon Net Zero was

unanimously supported by the PCC.

8.3 – Security Gate in kitchen for Rascals – Tom to action and report to Nov PCC.

8.4 - Paving Issues - Tom to report Nov PCC.

9. Youth and Childrens Ministry

9.1 – Spending requests for Sunday Club – new carpet £900.

Proposed Norman Barr

Seconded Kevin Keefe

9.2 – Youth Budget – Proposed Jonathan Joslin

Seconded Eric Cairns.

Missional Generation – earlier in the PCC meeting Maria O Hagan and Ben Jones gave a verbal report on recent successes to date. Maria reported evangelism meetings with young people in Otley Town Centre on Monday afternoons have gone well. Working with Leeds Faith in Schools Year 7 / 8 lunch clubs where discussions on faith took place.

Links with All Saints School - Maria attending assemblies once / term with year 6 interventions hoping to lead into year 7 successes / faith awarenesses in the future.

Sunday Mornings – Maria reported that all is going well , the recent Vestry Rooms are much appreciated with strong ownership from the young people

Recent 8 Confirmations is a key achievement

Youth Discipleship Group – meeting once / month.

Ben Jones – reported that “Generation Z” evangelism is working well at Otley Parish Church with Maria. 90 hours banked. Maria is working 16/20 hours per week. Maria has been promoted to a more senior level in Missional Generation.

Ben mentioned that the PCC needs to decide upon renewing the Contract - July 2026.ie for 3 years with annual reviews. Ben indicated that there are sources for future funding. Action to be followed up by Ben in early 2026 and reported back to PCC.

PCC thanked Maria and Ben for their verbal report and request to extend the partnership agreement. Tony Pike Treasurer mentioned that the PCC may only be able to fund Missional Generation for two years at the most.

10 .Reports and Correspondence received – no reports.

11. Community / Churches Together in Otley. - report previously circulated by Norman

12 AOB. 12.2 – Extension of Vicars Wall Plate – material sample provided by Kevin.

Proposed – Jackie Hird

Seconded – All PCC.

13. Prayers at next Meeting – Maggie.

14. Closing Prayers – John Simkins.

15 Date of Next Meeting – Monday November 24th 2025.

