

Hingham Parochial Church Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th March 2026 at St Andrew's Church

Present: Revd Tori Venmore-Rowland, Revd Peter Trett, Nicola Trett, Steph Murfitt, Janet Southall, Caroline Money (secretary),

Agenda Item	Key points from discussion	Action
1. Opening Prayer	Revd Tori opened the meeting with prayer.	
2. Apologies	There were apologies from Dale Southall, Gill Else, Elaine Skelly, Chris Turner, Richard Till and James Hampton.	
3. Minutes of last meetings	The minutes from 21 January meeting were agreed .	
4. Matters Arising/ Action Log	The PCC noted the progress made against the matters arising, or were covered under items below.	
5. Standing Committee	<p>5.1 Quinquennial report; The PCC discussed the report received recently following the inspection last July. It was agreed to undertake the work outlined in Category A; Urgent, requiring immediate attention, and it was noted that the majority of Category B; requires attention in next 12 months, was linked to the Ringers Floor project.</p> <p>5.2 APCM and draft Annual Report; the PCC agreed the Annual Report. The accounts are still be audited. The electoral roll will be renewed from 22 March - 14 April. There will be 3 vacancies on the PCC, as Elaine and James are stepping down. There was already one vacancy. A parish questionnaire will be published from 22 March - 30 April, to see feedback to help the PCC plan for the future.</p> <p>5.3 Organist pay review; the PCC reviewed the organist pay and agreed to increase by £25 a month, to receive £300 a month, from April 2026.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM to contact architect to find contractors for work • CM to write to organist re pay review
6. Fundraising	<p>6.1 Hingham Calendar 2026; Theme for 2027 calendar is 'Hingham; People and Places'. Competition will start in May.</p> <p>6.2 Antiques roadshow; 19 September 2026, 10 - 3pm. We will be offering refreshments during this day.</p> <p>6.3 Wine tasting; Will organise another 2 events this year.</p> <p>6.4 Concerts; Working on concert programme for 2026 including Luke Wallace, Norwich Sinfonietta, Barber Quartet.</p> <p>6.5 Open Gardens; this will be our 7th Open Gardens and its take place on Sunday 14 June. Will hold teas in the church on the day and will need volunteers for the teas and cakes. Janet agreed to lead the tea rota etc.</p> <p>6.6 Easy Giving; need to link our charity to their website.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM to set up our charity on Easy Giving
7. Finance	7.1 Caroline reported that the total across all accounts is £82,020. A statement of activity from 1 Jan - 9 March was distributed and reviewed by the PCC. The Heritage Fund has now transferred all their funds, into a restricted fund within our accounts, following the closure of their charity. The Parish Share for Hingham is £43,888. PCC noted that £4,500 has been paid so far this year.	Discuss parish share contribution once accounts published
8. Project update	8.1. Ringers Floor; Awaiting outcome of 2 grant applications to Geoffrey Watling Fund and Norfolk Churches Trust. £38,700 raised so far. The PCC agreed unanimously to seek permission (Faculty) to undertake Ringers Floor work. This includes the repair of the ringing-floor level and repair crack in the Tower wall.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM to apply for Faculty

9. Safeguarding report	No report available	
10. Deanery Synod	Tori reported on the last meeting held on 27th January, held at St Andrew's Hingham. The theme was making the church accessible for children and rural missions. The next one takes place on 30 April in Garboldisham, with the theme 'how do christians respond to AI.'	
11. Services	Revd Tori fed back on the Lent courses being offered across the Benefice. Easter services will be the same as last year, with a sunrise service at Rockland All Saints. Palm Sunday is a 5th Sunday service, which will be at Deopham. There will be an Easter Saturday service at Little Ellingham. There is a deanery pilgrimage to the Cathedral, with an evensong, with a joint choir from across the benefice, on 23 May.	
12 . Ministry Team Update	The Ministry Team met recently and agreed the service rotas for April and May.	
13. Parishioner Feedback	There was no parishioner feedback.	
14. Any other business	12.1 Communion Linen; thank yous were made to Nicola and Janet for making more. 12.2 Church cleaning day; agreed to arrange one before Easter; Saturday 28 March at 9am. 12.3 Notice Board; Lance and Peter to find a date to put this up.	
15. Date of next meeting	Wednesday 8 July 2026 at 7pm.	
16. Closing Prayer	Revd Peter closed the meeting with prayer at 8.10pm	