

Hingham Parochial Church Council Meeting held on Wednesday 21st January 2026 at St Andrew's Church

Present: Revd Tori Venmore-Rowland, Richard Till, James Hampton, Revd Peter Trett, Nicola Trett, Steph Murfitt, Chris Turner, Elaine Skelly, Dale Southall, 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 Gill Else.	
Appointment of Lay Chair	Richard stood down as Lay Chair at the last meeting. Revd Tori asked for nominations and Peter Trett was proposed by Caroline Money and seconded by Richard Till. Peter was unanimously voted as Lay Chair. Revd Tori said that she would chair this meeting.	
3. Minutes of last meetings	The minutes from 17 September and 2nd November meetings were agreed . It was noted that a virtual decisions in between the PCC meetings, were made by the PCC for the Hingham Playing Fields Association to change their governance document and the PCC will in future be part of a range of organisations that can be called upon to put forward a trustee.	
4. Matters Arising/ Action Log	The PCC noted the progress made against the matters arising, or were covered under items below.	
5. Standing Committee	5.1 Agree parish fees. The PCC discussed the new CofE fees and agreed to keep the parish fees as at 2025.	
6. Fundraising	6.1 Hingham Calendar 2026; received £875 in sponsorship. The cost of printing the calendars was £778.40. We are still totalling the sales but it is over 150 sold = £1500. Theme for 2027 calendar is 'Hingham; People and Places'. 6.2 Antiques roadshow; 19 September 2026, 10 - 3pm. We will be offering refreshments during this day. 6.3 Wine tasting; held 2 events last year raising £945. Will organise another 2 events this year. 6.4 Concerts; The 2025 programme raised £2,320, with the Taverham Band concert raising £1300 including the raffle. Working on concert programme for 2026 including Luke Wallace, Norwich Sinfonietta, Barber Quartet. We have the opportunity to book the Shantymen in December. 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.	
7. Finance	7.1 Caroline reported that the account balances are Bank Account 1 £35,883 and Account 2 £42,598. The Parish Share for Hingham is £43,888. PCC noted that £23,000 (51%) has been paid during 2025. The monthly statement shows healthy balance, for December. However the overall budget shows a loss due to high maintenance bills in 2025. 7.2 Draft Budget Plan; Caroline circulated the budget plan for 2026. It was noted that the parish share has increased to £58,801, following discussions with all parishes in the benefice. The PCC noted the budget and agreed the budget plan, with one against. Agreed to discuss the parish share contribution when see the annual accounts published. Noted that still not many doing Parish Giving Scheme.	Discuss parish share contribution once accounts published

8. Project update	8.1. Ringers Floor; The revised tenders now have been received and the PCC appointed Greystone and Mason. Bids are being completed and submitted for this project. £36k raised so far.	
9. Safeguarding report	James reported on safeguarding. No safeguarding issues have been raised. Dashboard update; first time ever, everyone is up to date with their training and DBS, as of today. So now green across basic level of dashboard. The 2nd layer of dashboard is now our focus.	
10. Deanery Synod	The next meeting of the Deanery Synod is taking place at St Andrew's Hingham on Tuesday 27th. Richard will be doing the refreshments. Neither Richard or Tori could attend the last meeting	
11. Services	Revd Tori outlined 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.	
12 . Ministry Team Update	The Ministry Team met recently and agreed the service rotas for Feb and March. Revd Tori updated on the House for Duty post. 2 people put forward by the Bishop. Awaiting the return of the Archdeacon to progress this. The PCC thanked the Ministry Team for all their work over the Christmas period. Revd Tori asked for feedback from Christmas services. The issue of the number of choir pieces in the 9 lessons services, needs to be clearer. The numbers at midnight service were less, may be due to the pub closing early.	
13. Parishioner Feedback	There was no parishioner feedback. James reported that several people mentioned the good range of carols over the services. Richard mentioned that people have asked if we could consider putting heaters in the pews by the feet (like the choir pews). Peter said there were sockets, to put in heaters, but the heating costs who be high. It was agreed to consider in the future. Caroline reported that we had had a positive email about the Light of the World service. Agreed to do a questionnaire pre APCM for parishioners feedback.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM questionnaire pre APCM asking for feedback.
14. Any other business	<p>12.1 APCM; Caroline asked people to let her know if they were standing down from the PCC as we currently have one vacancy.</p> <p>12.2. Messy Church; Dale asked if we need to review our services, if parents and children come to our services to make them more child friendly. The PCC discussed the accessibility of services or doing an annual family service.</p> <p>12.3 Pancakes supper; On Shrove Tuesday, as its half term it will run from 4.30pm, with donations to Messy Church.</p> <p>12.4 Collections; Janet mentioned that not many people give a collection, and that we go back to a collection as you come in for contributions. Agreed to start this from 1 February. Richard will develop a pew notice for giving.</p> <p>12.5 Matins Bell; this is not working at the moment, due to wooden hammer being broken. It is working, if you are very gentle.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RT to do pew notice for giving
15. Closing Prayer	Revd Peter closed the meeting with prayer at 8.22pm	
16. Next meeting	Wednesday 11 March 2026 at 7pm.	