

Special Hingham Parochial Church Council Meeting held on Sunday 2nd November 2025 at St Andrew's Church

Present: Revd Tori Venmore-Rowland, Richard Till, James Hampton, Steph Murfitt, Janet Southall, Elaine Skelly, 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 Revd Peter Trett, Nicola Trett, Chris Turner, Gill Else.	
3. Parish Share	<p>Richard explained that the total benefice request from the Diocese is £75,499, divided into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £43,779 for <i>local ministry costs (minus income from glebe assets and DBF stat fees)</i> • £31,720 for <i>gross costs of Diocesan Mission Support, Curate costs, etc.</i> <p>To ensure fairness and sustainability across the benefice, the churchwardens met recently and agreed to calculate contributions as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local Ministry (£43,779) Divided proportionally according to each parish's <i>average monthly attendance</i> across all services. This reflects the local level of ministry and worship provision. 2. Gross Diocesan Costs (£31,720) Paid solely by Hingham, as the largest parish, with the greatest attendance and administrative capacity. <p>It is therefore proposed that Hingham's contribution will be £27,080 (local ministry contribution) and £31,720 (gross Diocesan costs) = £31,720 (77.9%). To date we pay £18k per annum, so will continue to struggle to pay our parish share. It was acknowledged that we have high costs for insurance, heating etc. It was noted that this was a benefice share, that all PCCs should contribute to the Benefice share. There was discussion about the gross diocesan costs. The PCC discussed the parish share contribution and agreed their contribution, appreciating it is still way out of reach of being achieved.</p>	
4. Ringers Floor	Caroline reported that the Architect had finally sent the revised tenders for the Ringers Floor work and was recommending Greystone and Mason, as before. Total cost will be £101,023.34. This includes £16,837.21 VAT which we may or may not be able to claim back. The previous costs last October were £86,436.84 We currently have raised £35k. Once we reach 50% of the costs, we can apply to big grant givers to match fund. The PCC discussed the tender and agreed to appoint Greystone and Mason to undertake this work, once funds raised.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caroline to inform Architect of PCC decision
7. Next meeting	Wednesday 21 January 2026 at 7pm.	