

# 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

<b>Meeting Date</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
<b>Meeting Venue</b>	St. Thomas Church
<b>Attendees</b>	As recorded in the attendance book
<b>Prayers</b>	Father David opened the meeting with a prayer.
<b>Apologies</b>	Mrs. Debbie Roscoe, Ms Susan MacKenzie, Fr. David Watson
<b>Minutes of last meeting</b>	These were accepted as a true record

<b>Matters arising, not covered by items on the agenda</b>	The faculty for the new sound system is close to being granted. It is awaiting the Archdeacon's approval. There is currently a problem finding a Celebrant for this Tuesday's Mass in St. Peter's
<b>Buildings</b>	St. Peter's: The quinquennial has been completed and we are awaiting the report. However, we do know that there is a problem with one of the pinnacles, and it may mean lowering them at some time in the future to avoid the repeated issues. St. Thomas: Again, we are awaiting the report from the quinquennial inspection, but we know that the soffets, guttering and chimney will require work, and also the paving in front of the building.
<b>Finance</b>	See Treasurer's report attached. The treasurer showed the information available from the electricity smart meter to highlight the peak usage times during the previous month.
<b>Safeguarding / GDPR</b>	There were no safeguarding issues to report since the last meeting.
<b>Mission Opportunities</b>	Sensory church, although not as successful as had been hoped has not been a failure due to the amount of interest on social media. There will be a relaunch when the schools return after the summer break, with Ben visiting the local schools. It is hoped to start with a support café for parents. REAL – the second meeting was held at the end of July with about 20 people attending. Father David has a meeting with St. Marks on 5 <sup>th</sup> September to plan future events. This Saturday, Ben will be taking resources to the Keyham Community Fete to reach out to the local community. The monthly coffee morning will continue at St. Thomas, but with no cost involved to those attending as it is an outreach opportunity and not intended as a money-making event.

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	<p>Food Larder – There is a possibility that a subscription charge may be introduced in the near future</p> <p>Baby Basics – there have been 200 referrals since the project started.</p>
<b>Upcoming Events</b>	<p>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Annual pet blessing service in St. Peter’s at 3.00 pm</p> <p>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Annual memorial service in St. Peter’s at 4.00 pm</p> <p>A Christmas Crib Fest has been suggested to be held during December. This will give organisations the opportunity to make their own crib scene and display it in church.</p> <p>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October – a meeting in the Vicarage at 7.00 pm to discuss plans for Christmas.</p> <p>Lent 2025 – it is hoped to run a joint Lent course with St. Francis.</p> <p>Petertide 2025 - A flower festival has been suggested over the weekend of 29<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas meal at the Dartmoor Lodge in Ashburton.</p>
<b>Dates of PCC Meetings for the coming year</b>	<p><b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at St. Peter’s</b></p> <p>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January at St. Thomas</p> <p>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at St. Peter’s</p> <p>All P.C.C. meetings to start at 7.00 pm</p>
<b>Blessing</b>	<p>There being no further business, Fr. David closed the meeting with a blessing.</p>

Signed as a true record:

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**Treasurer's Report**

Following on from the last report, this report will be for July and August.

Our total income for the period was £9,490.

£1771 came directly from giving in the 2 churches. In addition to this, the Parish Giving Scheme was £937 plus a further £229 gift aid was reclaimed by the Diocese on our behalf. We now have 10 givers in the scheme, as an additional one joined in August.

In these months, we received £3,929 from St. Peter's Hostel, to pay July's instalment of the loan and Common Fund.

We also received £752 from services conducted in church.

We received a further £129 in the period from the card reader at the back of St. Peter's.

Total expenditure for the same period was £11,182.

As usual, our major expenses were the utility bills which accounted for £2,330, with an additional £2,134 for insurance. In July, E.D.F., who supply the electricity to St. Peter's now issue bills monthly, rather than 6 monthly as before, thus making it easier to keep track on the expenditure and to highlight excessive usage a lot easier. July's bill was nearly £600 pound, but the August bill more than doubled to nearly £1,300. This is at a time when we shouldn't be needing so many lights being used in church.

We also paid £2,000 towards our Common Fund and £1,929 towards our outstanding loan to the Diocese.

During August, the quinquennials were carried out at St. Peter's and St. Thomas, and we are awaiting the reports from the surveyor, although we are already aware of some work that needs to be carried out at both churches.

Graham Roberts