

# 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>	6 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
<b>Meeting Venue</b>	St. Peter's 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, Mrs. Nikki Hirst, Mrs. Joan Colmer
<b>Minutes of last meeting</b>	These were accepted as a true record

<b>Matters arising, not covered by items on the agenda</b>	We are awaiting information from the steeplejacks regarding the pinnacle.
<b>Buildings</b>	<p>St. Peter's: The faculty for the new sound system has now been received. The deposit has been paid and the installers have been instructed to proceed with the work. The new speakers should fill the church with sound and should not be noticeable as they are flat to the wall. The old speakers will then be removed. New cameras, attached to the C.C.T.V., will be installed which can be focused on all areas of the church.</p> <p>St. Thomas: An estimate has been received for the repair to the front of St. Thomas. This estimate is in the region of £20,000. In the meantime, patch up work will be done as the windows are a priority. All the work will be dependent on the outcome of the lease renewal.</p>
<b>Finance</b>	See Treasurer's report attached. Sue Way explained the spreadsheet she uses to record her extras spending throughout the year. She offered a copy to anybody who wants it.
<b>Safeguarding / GDPR</b>	Sue Way explained the dashboard that is used to track the safeguarding items required. It uses a traffic light system to highlight the urgency of different issues, with red being most urgent.
<b>Mission Opportunities &amp; Upcoming Events</b>	<p>Cribfest: There has not been the uptake from outside of the church as was hoped. There is a sign-up sheet in the church and a few people have shown an interest. The Scrap Store have donated 50 craft packs for the church to distribute.</p> <p>The Servers Guild will be holding their Advent Carol Service in St. Peter's.</p>

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	<p>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Levowan Choir Christmas Concert in St. Peter's</p> <p>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Phoenix Chorale Christmas Concert in St. Peter's</p> <p>Christmas services will be held at the usual times</p> <p>Christmas in Stonehouse will be held in conjunction with the Cathedral on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December in Wyndham Square and Wyndham Street East between 3.00pm and 6.00pm. In the event of bad weather, it will be moved into St. Peter's.</p> <p>A discussion took place on holding a Christmas Day meal in St. Peter's for those that wished to attend.</p> <p>The Plymouth Argyle food parcels will be delivered, for distribution, on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December.</p> <p>Father David and Ben visited Fareshare to see how they operate.</p>
<b>School</b>	<p>The number of pupils is almost up to the pre-covid levels. The school has received a good standard in the latest OFSTED assessment with a good reputation for special education. The only negative, is the current state of repair of the buildings.</p>
<b>Food Larder</b>	<p>Rather than the food larder we have at present, they are looking at setting up a Food Cooperative. This would need about 20 people who pay £3.50 each week. For this, they will receive £35 worth of food weekly.</p>
<b>Real Church</b>	<p>The tree lighting at St. Thomas will take place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November. This will be followed by mince pies, hot dogs and hot chocolate.</p>
<b>Place of Welcome</b>	<p>St. Peter's is a registered place of welcome. A grant has been applied for which can now only be used to help towards the heating costs, rather than being used towards food.</p>
<b>Dates of PCC Meetings for the coming year</b>	<p><b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January at St. Thomas</b></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>

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## Treasurer's Report

This report will be for September and October.

Our total income for the period was £9,180.

£2,177 came directly from giving in the 2 churches. In addition to this, the Parish Giving Scheme was £980 plus a further £240 gift aid was reclaimed by the Diocese on our behalf. We remain at 10 givers in the scheme.

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

We also received £367 from services conducted in church.

We received a further £256 in the period from the card reader at the back of St. Peter's.

The canteen shows a negative figure, as refreshments were purchased for the Holy Cross Mass and for the community lunch.

Total expenditure for the same period was £17,980.

As usual, our major expenses were the utility bills which accounted for £2,756, with an additional £2,134 for insurance. As I mentioned at the last meeting, E.D.F. now send the St. Peter's electricity bills monthly. The bills for September and October were just over £1,500, so I have changed the monthly Direct Debit payment to this amount. I will also be making a separate payment during the month to clear the outstanding amount which is in the region of £10,000. You can now see the advantage that we now have with the monthly bills.

As I said when talking about our income. we paid £2,000 towards our Common Fund and £1,929 towards our outstanding loan to the Diocese. In addition to this, a further £3,000 was paid towards our outstanding Common Fund. This money came from the Gift Aid claim earlier this year. We have now paid a total of £11,000 towards this year's total of £17,642, which leave a further £6,642 to be paid.