

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S ALLITHWAITE

Minutes of PCC Meeting Monday 16th March 2026 at 7.30pm, Choir Vestry

Present: Rev Mark Houston, Chair (MH), Elaine Baldry (EB), Alan Hill (AH), Kevin Dowle (KD), Fiona Dowle (FD), Steve Bell (SB), Les Spring (LS), Helen Whitely (HW) Julie Lanham (JuL), John Lanham (JoL), Michael Jackson (MJ) John Tindale(JoT), Janice Tindale(JT),

1. **Opening Prayer:** Led by MH.
2. **Apologies:** Andrea Mason(AM).
3. **Approval of Minutes of PCC Meeting 24th January 2026**
 - Approved.
4. **Matters Arising (not elsewhere on agenda)**
 - None.
5. **Safeguarding –**
 - No incidents to report since last meeting.
6. **Finance – KD**
 - KD presented Finance Update Feb 2026: query over Tithe Giving amount. Action JT/KD to liaise and update figure based on formula previously used by JT.
7. **Reports**
 - 7.1 **Community and Youth Leader – no update**
 - 7.2 **Incumbent – MH**
 - Discussion about last meeting's minute about changing the 4pm service to 10am. Decision to stick with 10am change. Further discussion will follow mission strategy group report in the autumn. Second Sunday 10am should continue to be different. Agreed unanimously.
 - 7.3 **Warden – JoL – no queries raised on Warden's report.**
 - 7.4 **Spire Update – MJ**
 - Work to start on 11th May.
 - MJ/JoL will liaise with leaders of activities during each week to ensure activities – 11's / Toddlers etc are able to operate around the spire works.

Action MJ/JoL
 - 7.5 **Spire Financing update - JoT**
 - JoT summarised which applications have been submitted for funding the Spire Project.
 - Community funding beginning including community lunch this week.
 - JT outlined three scenarios for funding the Spire Project – no grants and funded from reserves, diocesan grant and third option of fully grant funded.
 - 7.6 **2025 Accounts – JoT**
 - Accounts approved subject to being vetted by auditor Proposed MJ, Seconded JoL; Agreed unanimously
8. **Officers Required**
 - Need for prayer for the right people. One vacancy for PCC; for Palm Sunday JoL to produce summary of Church Warden job and Web Manager. MH to contact J. Bloomer for summary of PSO and Secretary roles.

Action: JoL / MH

9. **Easter and Holy Week services** – MH (see Incumbent Report). JL confirmed details posted on www pages – landing page and Sunday Services page.

10. **Church Mission Strategy** – leave for meeting of the Mission Strategy group on 17th March.

11. **APCM Report and Preparation** – please send to reports to JoL by 5th April using template provided. JoL will circulate to relevant people not on PCC. **Action: All**

12. **Celebration and Thanksgiving for ministry to Young people service at St Mary's Sunday 20th September 10am.** – noted.

13. AOB

MLH – school Headteacher preventing church from using tables and chairs in MLH. Discussion about the way ahead. Discussion with school over risk assessment; JT to discuss with church insurers and school head. **Action: JT**

DoNM – APCM and PCC Sunday 26th April @11.30 in church
Mon. 8th June @ 7.30 - in church

Closing

Meeting closed with the Grace at 9.40pm.