

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S ALLITHWAITE

Minutes of PCC Meeting Monday 8th June 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), John Tindale(JoT), Janice Tindale(JT), Mervyn Hull (MeH), Andrea Mason (AM)

1. **Opening Prayer:** led by MH
2. **Apologies:** Helen Whitely (HW), Michael Jackson (MJ), John Lanham (JoL)
3. **Approval of Minutes of PCC Meeting 16th March 2026 - unanimous**
4. **Matters Arising (not elsewhere on agenda)**
 - MLH – Chairs and disputed land; MLH Fund; MH/SB – update given;
 - Election of Vice Chair – Steve Bell elected;
 - New members next year – in future advertise how many PCC members are standing down;
 - Churches Together MH – Michael Fieldhouse and Alison Gawith have represented us; do we need a PCC representative? Important to have good communication between PCC and CT;
 - Dates of PCC meetings and APCM
5. **Safeguarding – CM/EJ** – 1 safeguarding concern being handled; no further action needed, although support is being given by MH.
6. **Finance – KD** – thanks given for a clear report;
7. **Reports**
 - 7.1 **Community and Youth Leader** – see report; AM updated Soul Fuel and Transition Day
 - 7.2 **Incumbent** – MH took questions on his report
 - 7.3 **Warden – JoL** – JT very grateful to JoL for help with Spire Applications; PCC agree to contacting Asbestos removal firm;
 - 7.4 **Spire Update** – thanks to MJ for all his hard work;
 - 7.5 **Spire Financing update** – thanks to JoT for all his efforts with so many funding applications; Application to Charity Commission – PCC members fill in relevant forms; PCC agree to put forward application for PCC of Allithwaite to become a registered charity;
8. **Family Fun Day** – on Saturday; thanks to Fiona for her organising; please pray for the day and our outreach into the committee.
9. **Church Away weekend or day Spring 2027** – should we aim for Spring 2027 or maybe the following year; January / February 2028? Probably the latter.
10. **Church Mission Strategy** – MH fed back about the MJ, AM, MeH, Sue Wilson group; MeH and MH to meet then MeH to circulate vision and strategy to all PCC members; then look to next step;
11. **For information:** Celebration and Thanksgiving for ministry to Young people service at St Mary's Sunday 20th September 10am.

12. AOB

- (a) Andrew Sherwin has relocated some tools out of the cellar into the shed since the asbestos issue. KD is currently looking after an old push mower that belongs to church to make space.
- (b) One benefice service each week in August alternating St John's and St Mary's. Agreed by PCC. JT to liaise with Cumbria Motor Bike Church to be here the Sundays we don't have a service here.
- (c) 2nd Sunday in July 4pm here led by MH.
- (d) With some reservations about clashes of meeting times and cleaning of church by groups using the building it was agreed to look into the possibility of the use of the building by the Brownies and Parish Council.

The meeting ended with The Grace

DonM – not always a Monday

Monday 14th September 2026

Tuesday 17th November 2026

Wednesday 27th January 2027

Thursday 18th March 2027

APCM Sunday 18th April 2027