

**ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Draft Minutes Monday 10th August 2026

PPC Members

Damian Atkinson, Fr Michael Copps, Bernard Hunter, Matthew Ives, Cynthia Oji, Donna Patros, Peter Robson, Robin Shearmur, Lorna Spears

Attendees	Bernard Hunter, Fr Michael Copps, Damian Atkinson, Robin Shearmur, Donna Patros, Cynthia Oji, Peter Robson
Apologies	Martin Sharkey, Lorna Spears
Also Present	Suzie Wright – Parish Office Manager

Fr Michael started the meeting with a reading of next weekend's Gospel passage.

Minutes

The minutes of the July meeting were approved.

Actions/Matters arising: None

Updates

Regular meetings for young people when the confirmation programme ends. 1 person said yes. 5 attended. Bernard explained about the Young Vinnies (service then fun), so we want to try an approach of Fun then Service. A follow up evening/event to be organised. Make a space in the BC available to meet and discuss. No ideas at the moment but early days. Use the conf group list of things as a starter for ideas. Bernard to report back.

Installing screens in church for hymns, responses and other messages. 4 times 11:30 and 1 times 10 am masses. 55" screen seems to be best. Downloaded hymns not quite the same as those in the hymnals. Generally well received. Major challenge will be getting enough operators. Bernard to send out the survey results. Thanks to TCHS for lending us the equipment.

Attracting more volunteers. CWL want to help with Liturgy. A lady wants to help with the BC committee, others to help with watering the plants. DA to organise with Lesley & Co. More volunteers for the 11:30 tea service. More altar servers needed, more members for the SVP?. Bernard and Fr. Michael C to come up with a list of other areas needing volunteers. Withdraw the advertising for a weeks then target; Altar Servers; contact SAS and FGC programme via Nicola C and Theresa W. Can we use the RCIA program for recruits (check with FQ). BH to talk to Cath Daley re getting the RCIA involved in volunteering.

Need for a welcome pack but what goes into it? Need a few PPC members to help form it. Cynthia to do this with Peter and Suzie in support. Request for draft ideas by the next PPC meeting.

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Recent Events

Fr Brian celebration. A really lovely celebration. Thanks to Maria and the CWL for organising.
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Future Events

Anniversary of St Francis MC and George planning. 3 day event starting on Friday 2 nd October. Transitus to be on the 4 th ?
Christmas Fair Avril has retired from the Summer Fete. B to talk to her re getting ideas. Also for the Christmas Fete and with Jo Ferrari. And then find a couple of peeps to lead it. Go via the Volunteer appeal
Advent. What as a Parish do we want to do? Ecu Carol Service, Peter to hold a time of reflection in the BC, crib, tree. Suz to check on what else, penitential service, Dates to be suggested at the next PPC meeting.
Bereavement Service. Check with Lesley via DA and get a date. Also check with Adrian?? What did Angela and Richard Barnes
A new Alpha course starts in Jan 2027. Need to continue with the 'originals' Suggestion to alternate weeks between Alpha and Post Alpha

AoB

Ask Declan form TCHS to attend a PPC meeting, share his vision and any wants/needs from us as the PPC. DA to talk to Sue J re this happening in Oct/Nov

Actions/Matters Arising

Action Item	Date Raised	Status
Bernard to report back as to progress/next steps with engaging with youth	10 th Aug 26	New
Bernard to send out the survey results about using screens in church	10 th Aug 26	New
Damian to contact Lesley form CWL re how they can help the Liturgical Committee	10 th Aug 26	New
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Fr Michael closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next Meeting will be held on Monday 14th September 2026 at 7.30pm