

St Andrew's Church, Sandon
PCC Meeting Minutes
Thursday 26th September 2024 at 7.30pm
in the St Andrew's Room



The Church of England
in Essex and East London
Diocese of Chelmsford

Archdeacon Jonathan Croucher was in attendance to speak to us about future ordained ministry at Sandon

1. Opening prayers were led by Alison Read.
2. Present: Andy Horne, Richard Cecil, Cathie Horne, Christine Mennie, Alison Read, Janet Terry, Nick Bobeldijk, Judy Cecil, Archdeacon Jonathan.
Apologies for Absence: John Gruby, David Farrar, Colin Bryan, James Colbeck
3. Minutes of PCC Meeting of 19th August 2024 were proposed as a true record by Andy Horne, seconded by Cathie Horne and agreed by all.
4. Matters arising: The Archdeacon reported the latest Living in Love and Faith with prayers of blessing now possible.
No other matters arising. Some policies have been made available on the website.
5. Notification of any other business: Sandon Pax
6. Jonathan led discussions about the vacancy.
One possibility would be House for Duty (HfD) but difficult to recruit. There is still a house in Sandon but there are plans to sell it.
Parish share is based on type of clergy cover. Boreham has had 0.5 stipendiary priest, but vacancy from March, but not now able to fund that. There is a suggestion to share 0.5 of a priest with Boreham, so that we would each have 0.25. If we are wanting to explore this, then the next move is to discuss this with Boreham PCC. We would need to document our vision and build a parish profile. Need to look into cost. Could consider Boreham rejoining Chelmer Crouch group, now expanded to Compass Churches.
Patron at Queens' College would be involved. At interview there would be 2 reps for each parish, the area dean, patron and archdeacon.
Selection is likely to be after an advert in Church Times and on Diocesan website. People apply. 2 elected reps from each parish see CVs and attend interview. The process will be confidential to the reps until an appointment is made.
At present Sandon have a Communion Service on 1st and 3rd Sundays, Boreham have a Communion Service on 2nd and 4th Sundays.
Proposal: The PCCs of Sandon and Boreham churches to meet to explore the possibility of a shared ordained minister. This position will be 0.5 of full time and shared 0.25 for each parish.
Proposed by Richard Cecil, seconded by Christine Mennie and agreed unanimously.
Jonathan can help as necessary at PCC meetings. **Wardens**
Jonathan then left the meeting.
7. Finance. Nick reported a usual position for the end of August. Gift Aid giving is down but non-Gift Aid giving is up compared to last year. Again, compared to last year expenses are up 3% and income is down 2%. At this stage last year income over expenditure was just under £5000 and this year it is just over £3000.

8. Worship Plans. Richard reported Tea on the Green will be on 27th July 2025. Salvation Army have agreed the date, but a speaker not arranged yet. Hugh Dibbens would like to carry on with the 1st Sunday Communion Services after Christmas (already agreed until Christmas.). Suggested until Easter (four more services).
Proposed by Andy Horne, seconded by Christine and agreed unanimously. **Wardens**
9. Fabric Report from Richard and Andy.
 - a. Cycle Rack at the church. Sandon Church will buy the four Sheffield Hoops for £160. Cedric Calmeyer to install the Sheffield Hoops for £280. Total£440
Proposed by Andy Horne, seconded by Christine Mennie and agreed unanimously. **Wardens**
 - b. Quinquennial inspection: pointing work on the tower. Appoint an architect to assess work to be done. **Wardens**
Proposed by Janet Terry, seconded by Alison and agreed unanimously.
 - c. The Pax. Alison Barker and two ladies from Chelmsford Museum came to see it on 24th September. It is one of only two similar vellum on wood in the country. It is deteriorating in the safe. There are possibilities of a loan or donation to the museum for which a faculty would be needed. Suggestion that a wider source of advice is needed, starting with the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC). Proposal that Church Wardens seek advice.
Proposed by Richard Cecil, seconded by Christine Mennie and agreed unanimously. **Wardens**
10. Safeguarding Report. Alison had nothing to report.
11. Proposal that this PCC endorses the nomination of Andrew Horne for (Re)Authorisation as a Local Preacher.
Proposed by Christine Mennie, seconded by Alison Read and agreed by all.
Judy added thanks to Richard and Andy for preaching regularly since Terry left. But also to encourage some constructive criticism, emphasis on the constructive, as we the congregation are the only people with any oversight of how they are both doing. Alison suggested we might take some notes during sermons to help us to learn and remember any comments we wished to share.
Noted too that it is helpful to ask readers and pray-ers to speak louder as needed.
12. Pastoral Care. It was agreed that Judy would approach a few people to be on a Pastoral Care Team. Noted too that husband of a resident at Chelmsford Care Home on East Hanningfield Road has requested lay led communion at the home for his wife and maybe others. Richard and Judy to meet him and start discussion with the home.
13. Pioneering Parishes. Agreed to leave this for now, while Hugh Dibbens is preaching monthly.
14. Future PCC Meeting Dates (7:30 pm) in church

Thursdays	7 th November 2024
	12 th December 2024
	30 th January 2025
15. Any Other Business
Judy offered to lead prayers to begin the next PCC meeting
16. The meeting closed with the Grace at 21:10.