

Minutes of St Paul's PCC Meeting held via Zoom

At 7.00pm on Tuesday 10th February 2026

Present: Zahra Shafiei (Chair), Nick Andrewes, Lynne Street, Carol Vaudrey, Megan Locklin, Colin Platt. **Prayers:** - Zahra

Apologies: - Andrea Marshall, Auriel Hopkinson, Natalie Wiseman, Richard McEwan, Bahati Philemoni.

Minutes from 18th September 2025 were passed as correct.

Proposed by: - Lynne **Seconded by:** - Carol **Unanimously Agreed**

Minutes from the 13th November 2025 were passed as correct.

Proposed by: - Lynne **Seconded by:** - Megan **Unanimously Agreed**

Matters arising: - Issues are ongoing.

Correspondence: - None

Vicars Report: - **Christmas services** – Eve night service had lower attendance than previous years. It was decided to consult the congregation in October about moving the service to 6pm. **Lent** – “Fit for Purpose” course will be held on Tuesday evening starting the 24th February. **Megan** to think about running a course using movement as its core.

Fabric: - **Grant Application and Statements of Significance and Needs.**

Nick went through the application form that he has submitted to the One Oldham Fund, for a grant for the work and fees required for the west end, under floor, repairs. The removal of the failing plaster above the arch and repairs to the roof to stop the water coming in. Part of the work would enable improvement to the toilets, moving to unisex cubicles. This has raised possible concerns; it was decided to consult the congregation as it was felt that it could possibly upset some people. Nick went through the **Statements**; these will set out the ongoing need for further work to be carried out to the building to make it fit for purpose for the congregation and community.

The PCC is happy to accept the Statements of Significance and Need.

Proposed by: - Nick **Seconded by:** - Colin **Unanimously Agreed**

Plumbing: - It was agreed that the old water heater be removed and disposed of. We had to call an emergency plumber in January to repair the corroding pipework that caused the flood in the gent's toilet. He came back to carry out other plumbing work.

Racial Justice Grant £3k: - It was decided to consult with our ethnic minority congregation members to see how this grant could be used.

Succession Planning: - Lynne announced that she will be moving away from Oldham in the near future and as such we need to find people to take on the roles she covers, which are Secretary, Treasurer, Gift Aid Secretary. A discussion took place and it was agreed that to start with the counting of the Sunday plate be done in the meeting room during coffee to involve others in the process. The PCC was asked to consider and suggest possible new people (inside or outside the church) to take on these roles. It was agreed to keep this on the agenda going forward. Nick thanked Lynne for her dedicated commitment to the work she carries out for our church.

Photos of church officers to be displayed in the porch: - It was agreed for this to happen. Nigel will take the photos and co-ordinate the display. Thank you Nigel.

Reports: -

Safeguarding - Nothing to report.

Community Room - Board Games on 3rd Saturday of the month, went well, enjoyed by all.

Finance: - No finance report. **Parish Fees** - The PCC agreed the Fees for 2026.

H&S: - Nothing to report.

Mission Community: - Nothing to report.

Social Committee: - Our thanks go to Jade, her Mum and her friend, for organising a Jumble Sale in aid of the Building Fund. At the latest count they had raised £180 with more to come. It was decided to ask Betty if she will take the lead on the Social Committee, with the assistance of Barbara. Lynne will speak with Betty.

The next PCC meeting will be held on Thursday 5th March. We shall hopefully have the decision from the One Oldham Fund on our grant application. We can also set the date of the APCM meeting.

Zahra thanked everyone for their attendance. The meeting closed with the Grace at 20.35pm

SignedChairperson **Date**