All Saints Church
Grayswood

For God, for one another, for the world
28 January 2026 7pm *via zoom*
Focus for the year – Growing in faith, hope and love

1.Fi opened the meeting with a reading from Matthew11:25 and prayer

2. Apologies: Rev Chris Bessant

Present: Elaine Collins (Assistant Priest of Haslemere and Grayswood), Tracy Garland (PCC Secretary), Revd. Fiona Gwynn (Associate Priest), Pippa Hollins-McLean, John McLean (Churchwarden) Jackie Holmes, David Hutton, Nicola Miller (Treasurer), Anthony Ramsden (Deanery Representative), Diana Ramsden (Churchwarden), Angela Wheeler (Deanery Representative, *joined at item 4*), Charlie Webb, Jane White (*left the meeting after item 7*).

3. Minutes of the meeting 19 November were agreed by all present. Charlie Webb omitted from list of those members present, corrected.

4. Matters arising.
i) feedback from Christmas services. Numbers were up on last year except Christingle. To consider this being part of the family Advent service. There was a short discussion on how to manage the break at the end of the Christmas morning service before communion.

5. Calendar.
i) Lent/Easter. No lent course this year at All Saints, but Lent will be explored through Sunday morning services. There will be a Maundy Thursday supper in the OJ room. All welcome to evenings of worship and reflection at St Barts commencing 24 February.
Hilary and Peter will lead a discipleship course "Practising the Way," day and time to be confirmed.
ii) APCM. Pippa, Nicola and Charlie are at the end of their 3 year term and all willing to be re-elected. There are also two PCC elected member vacancies.
Deanery Synod Elections: Angela will stand down form this role but Anthony willing to stand again.

6. Main item
Archdeacon visitation. Catharine Mabuza met with Fi, John, Diana and Tracy 27 January. All policies, log book, inventory and service registers were checked. The Church Development plan was discussed. Feedback was encouraging, full report awaited.

7. Ideas forum,
Pippa reported the last meeting was positive with a full agenda. Many ideas from the group have been successfully implemented – see minutes. Ideas being considered include inviting cricketers to coffee. The PCC were asked to consider whether it would be feasible to remove the pews to make greater use of the space. John agreed to get a team together to explore ideas.

8. Eco Church.
i) Plum trees were planted 25 November with retrospective List B approval. The hedging whips were planted 19 January.

9. Finance.
Nicola presented the budget outturn 31.12.25 which showed a slight increase in income and was better than predicted. However, excluding legacies and the net cost of wall repairs, the deficit was £14,203. The accounts for the year ended 31.12.25 were also presented and approved, although adjustments will be required for depreciation

charges and the reduction in value in the quoted investment. These accounts will be sent to Know Cropper so that they can make the necessary changes and carry out the independent examination.
The 2026 budget was presented showing a projected deficit of £24,700. This is despite the reduction in our proportion of the parish share with Haslemere Parish. Nicola explained that she had tried to include realistic figures for expenses and income, but a significant amount of income is unpredictable and not guaranteed so cannot be included in the budget. It is hoped that the deficit will be less than budgeted and there was discussion of ways to address this issue. The PCC has sufficient funds to fiancé the deficit for 2026, but this position is unsustainable in the long term.
The budget was proposed by Jackie, seconded by Charlie and agreed by all present.
The Nat West account has been closed and the balance transferred to the Lloyds account.

<u>10. Building and grounds.</u>
i) there is a crack in a downpipe at the rear of the church, which needs replacement. PCC approval is needed for List B application. Proposed by Jackie, seconded by Angela and agreed by all present (12 members).

<u>11. Safeguarding.</u>
Dashboard 100%, Catharine Mabuza congratulated the PCC on this achievement. Thanks were expressed to Jane, PSO. No concerns to report.

<u>12. Deanery.</u>
The next meeting 11 February is an open meeting to discuss PNP, all welcome to attend.

<u>13. Notices and correspondence.</u>
i) thank you from Sarah for her Christmas bonus.
ii) Faculty application received for a grave space for Clare Llyod-Davies.
The application to reserve a grave space at All Saints Church Grayswood for Clare Lloyd- Davies was approved, proposed by Jackie, seconded by Anthony, agreed by 11 members, one member dissented. (12 present).
iii) Complaints procedure. This was required for the Archdeacons visitation and previously circulated. The PCC agreed standing committee members would form the complaints committee. Proposed by Anthony, seconded by Diana and agreed by all present (12 members).

The meeting concluded at 8.30pm with the Grace.

Next meeting: 18 March, 4 March standing committee, agenda items to Tracy before this date please.

Signed ………………………………………………. Date ……………………………….