

ALL SAINTS GRAYSWOOD PCC MEETING
For God, for one another, for the world
22 July 2026 7pm
Focus for the year: Growing in faith, hope and love

1. Fi opened the meeting with a reading from Psalm 104 and prayer.

2. Apologies: David Hutton, Charlie Webb.

Present: Revd Chris Bessant (Rector), Revd Elaine Collins (Assistant Priest of Haslemere and Grayswood, Peter Donaldson, Tracy Garland (PCC Secretary), Revd. Fiona Gwynn (Associate Priest), Pippa Hollins-McLean, Jackie Holmes, John McLean (Churchwarden), Nicola Miller (Treasurer), Anthony Ramsden (Deanery Representative), Diana Ramsden (Churchwarden), Jane White.

3. Minutes of the meeting 20 May were agreed by all present.

4. Matters arising.

None.

5. Main item: Safeguarding.

i) The Church of England is reviewing its safeguarding framework with new codes of practice and standardised recruitment processes to rebuild trust; these changes came into effect in June. Pippa gave an update of training and reviews that have taken place and what is still to be done.

Answers to the safeguarding quiz, circulated before the meeting, were discussed.

ii) The following policies were agreed by all present: Safeguarding, Recruitment of ex-offenders, Delegation by PCC Members: reporting of Serious Incidents to the Diocese, Health and Safety. The meeting adopted the new remit of the Pastoral Visiting team to be:

“Pastoral Visiting team visit those who are temporarily incapacitated or housebound and in need of companionship. The team comprises Pastoral Visitors, Pastoral Assistants and Pastoral Team Members.” Proposed by John, seconded by Jane and agreed by all present (12 members). It was agreed the community needs database, initiated during Covid, was supported by the village via the WhatsApp group and did not need to be overseen by the church.

All PCC and Pastoral Team members requiring an enhanced DBS check were given a Confidential Declaration form to complete and return to Sarah.

Sarah and Tracy to review the Role Descriptions.

Fi thanked Sarah, Pippa and Tracy for the work done to date and Jane for her past contribution.

6. Eco Church

Nicola and Tracy to attend a meeting organised by Haslemere Biodiversity group 25/7/26.

Diana will undertake the butterfly count in the church yard.

7. Finance

i) Finance report, previously circulated. The result for the 6 months to 30 June 2026 was a deficit of £9,407. This was £8,511 less than budgeted, so things were better than expected. There are several reasons for this, our expenditure was slightly less than budgeted, largely because we have not yet commenced the repairs identified in the Quinquennial Inspection. Income was some £8,000 more than budgeted; we received a small legacy and received a few one-off donations. Fund-raising events in June partially made up for the lack of income from the May fayre previously held. There were also three weddings in the period, so we received more fee income than budgeted.

ii) To note Charity Commission annual report submitted online.

8. Building and grounds

i) Update on water leak and stopcocks. An engineer from JTS Civil Engineers has done a site visit to look at the potential water leak reported by Thames water. They have specialised equipment including the use of a tracer gas to locate the leak without the need to dig up the ground or path. This visit is scheduled for 27/7/26.

ii) A visit from a tapestry conservator took place 6/7/26 to assess the work needed to preserve the tapestries, the report is awaited. This work was identified in the QI report.

9. Notices and correspondence

i) Harvest service 27 September and will be café church

ii) The Pet service will be 20 September 3pm.

The meeting concluded at 8.10pm with the Grace.

Next meeting 23 September, 9 September standing committee, agenda items to Tracy before this date.

SignedF Gwynn..... Date ... 23/9/2026.....