

**St Simon and St Jude PCC Minutes**  
**Wednesday, 15th October 2025, 4pm**

**\*\*Opening\*\***

- The meeting was opened with prayers and a reading from the Bible

**\*\*Attendance\*\***

- Apologies: Linda Wright, Moira Leach
- Present: Rev Miranda Hayes, Rev Dave Johnson, Tammy Owen, Phil Owen, Liam Blackwell, Claire Stancer, Julie Bringloe, Rachel Waters

**\*\*Approval of Minutes\*\***

- Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

**\*\*Matters Arising\*\***

- Louise Lambert will need an informal interview before officially starting her role and will need to complete her safeguarding modules.
- Smart meter was not installed and will need to be rearranged.
- Kayleigh Naylor will not be assisting with Little Saints Toddler Group going forward. As such, she will not require a DBS check.

**\*\*Safeguarding\*\***

- Phil Owen has now completed his basic safeguarding training.
- Moira is still outstanding with her safeguarding. Rev Dave Johnson will look at completing this individually with her.
- Liam Blackwell is still outstanding.
- No safeguarding incidents have been reported in this last period.
- A policy will be made with regards to employing people who have a criminal record.

**\*\*Health and Safety\*\***

- The interior roof tiles have now been fixed.
- A report has been filed to RMBC asking for the removal of the bin on Church Street.
- Smoke detectors have now been replaced and will therefore be valid for a further 10 years.

**\*\*Finance\*\***

- Our Parish share was £3000 for last year and a suggested increase of 10% for this year will result in £3300 per year.
- Little Saints Toddler Group gas spending will be reduced due to fewer sessions and a change in the time that the gas will be switched on.
- Roofing company is currently holding the price for the North side as long as it is started by November.

**\*\* Any other business \*\***

- As we await for the external work on the church to be completed so that professional cleaning, drying out and redecoration can take place internally, it was agreed that loose paint could be scraped from the walls by local church members/friends. It was noted that appropriate health and safety measures would need to be observed at all times.
- It has been noted that the North roof is a concern as there is water coming into the Church. The faculty for this has been submitted.
- We have received three quotes for the replacement of the fence on Church Street:
  - Shed and Fencing - £2100 including waste removal and secure fencing with concrete bottoms
  - RS Fencing never attended but have quoted £2500
  - Prime Landscaping and Property quoted a total of £2350

PCC unanimously agreed that Shed and Fencing will be used.

- Remembrance Day service has been agreed. The Parish Council have officially invited the Thurcroft Veterans to attend. We will receive £300 towards the cost of food for the lunch after the service at the Gordon Bennet Memorial Hall. Thurcroft Football Team will be part of the parade and a troop of Brownies will attend both the service and parade.
- There will be a meeting on Thursday 23rd October at 10.30am for planning the Christmas Fair and Christmas Activity Morning. Grotto is already booked for the Christmas Fair. Phil Owen will source selection boxes.
- The Knitted Angel Project is underway with 30 angels completed.
- Christmas Tree Festival dates/times need to be organised.
- Phil Owen will source the two trees for Christmas including the Memorial Tree.
- Little Saints Toddler Group will still be opening on the 27th October with older Siblings allowed to attend.
- Our Facebook page for the Toddler Group has been removed so we will need to reassess whether we will need to make a new account. We will use the main Church page to advertise for now.
- Breakfast Club will be held on Tuesday 28th October.
- The Sunday after Christmas will be a Mission Area service at St Simon and St Jude's at 10am.
- David Castle (LEDA) is undertaking an energy report in Churches on behalf of the Diocese for a £200 donation. We aren't currently in a position to take this up.

**\*\*Closing\*\***

- The meeting concluded with the Grace