

The Parish of St. Thomas Werneth

**Minutes of P.C.C. meeting
Thursday 11th December 2025 at 7p.m. via Zoom.**

1. Welcome and prayers.

Meeting was led by Revd. Nick Andrewes. The Revd. Richard McEwan opened in prayer.

2. Present: Revd. Nick Andrewes, Revd. Richard McEwan, Revd .Zahra Shafiei, Ann Batchelor, Janet Campbell, Mercy Ekhoesuehi, Graham Lees, Kathy Lees, Nasreen Masih and Abigail Ogbesusi.
Apologies: None.

3. Minutes of meeting of 25th September 2025.

3.1) Accepted as a true account. Proposed by Graham, seconded by Janet and passed unanimously.

3.2) Matters Arising

From the Mission Action Plan.

- Quotation for fixed screens. The P.C.C. are unanimous, with no abstentions, in accepting the current quotation for 2 fixed screens and 1 TV from Piranha Audio. A faculty will be applied for and a “One Oldham” grant to be applied for also.
- Signs in toilets have been purchased by Janet and are very suitable.
- Access signs around gates are being considered.
- Gardening and Cleaning Days on 30th October and 1st November were very successful.
- Multi-colour altar frontal. Not to proceed with this, mostly on cost grounds We're happy to accept that we use the altar frontal without the super frontal on a trial basis.
- Energy Audit. We're continuing to monitor costs in comparison with last year. Energy advisors had suggested replacing current chandeliers with radiant heat chandeliers which would give instant and local heating.
- Under GROWING. Happy to offer a “Bring and Share” meal every 6 to 8 weeks.

- Under GROWING. Gathering Hymn. Happy to continue but needs opening remarks at 10-30 at start of service.
- Under NURTURING. Zahra is happy to continue with the Farsi Discussion Group and Eucharist in order to provide a welcome for those who may still come.
- Under NURTURING. Laura Tebay is to offer training for volunteers who work with children and young people on 17th December. Toyin has offered to support Laura when she comes to St. Thomas on 2nd Sunday of month.
- Under SERVING. South Asian Men's Group has started on Wednesday mornings. It is run in conjunction with South Asian Women's Group.
- We have money for the purchase of a chair dolly and will wait till Feb.26 to buy it.
- Educational visits to church. Nick was very encouraged by a recent visit from Coppice Primary School Year 6 who asked perceptive questions.

3.3). Other Matters Arising.

We need to appoint an Electoral Roll Officer.

4. Correspondence.

None.

5. Vicar's Update.

Website diary has been updated to January 2027.

6. Local Governing Board at St. Thomas' School.

Proposal that P.C.C. re-elects Diane Service and Claire Armitage to the L.G.B. Proposed by Nick. Seconded by Kathy and passed unanimously. Duly elected.

7. Arrangements for Cleaning the Church.

Nick suggested that the Romanian church could be approached to clean the church on a trial basis for 6 months. This work could be done instead of paying rent and they could use the church for their services, if they wished.

8. Reports.

8.1 Safeguarding.

Local safeguarding training is a possibility.

8.2 Use of Church.

Janet is to contact users of church to suggest that they pay an increase of 10% from start of New Year, and if there's a problem , they could tell her.

8.3 Finance.

We looked at Financial Report. Energy prices for gas were of particular concern. The new contract started in October 2025 and since then prices have almost doubled.

8.4 Mission Community.

Harriet, who visited St. Thomas' church recently is going to build a network of Social Justice Champions and there'll be a meeting about this at St. Paul's at end January '26.

8.5 Health and Safety.

Nothing to Report.

8.6 Social and Other Dates.

Next Bring and Share meal to be held on 21st December.

9. Dates

Next P.C.C. meeting to be held on Thursday 5th February 2026 at 7 pm by Zoom.

The meeting was closed in prayer.

