The Parish of St.Thomas Werneth

Minutes of P.C.C. meeting Thursday 3rd September 2026 at 7p.m. via Zoom.

1. **Welcome and prayers.**
   Meeting was chaired by Rev. Zahra who welcomed everyone and meeting was opened in prayer.

2. **Present:** Revd. Nick Andrewes, Revd. Zahra Shafiei, Ann Batchelor, Janet Campbell, Graham Lees, Kathy Lees and Nasreen Masih.
   Apologies. Rev. Richard and Abigail Okbesusi.

3. Minutes of meeting of 30th April 2026.

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

3.2) Matters Arising.(not on the agenda elsewhere)
John has been contacted by Zahra about his gift and he plans to come to church.
Bolton Stained Glass Company have refitted the window in the organ chamber and done a good job. They have now been paid.
Toyin will hopefully be able to join the second intercessions training course.
Shaz and the South Asian Women's Group have planted flowers around the Memorial Chapel.
Angela Knowles' retirement service in church went very well and was well attended by about 450 people.

4. Mission Action Plan

4.**1 GROWING.**
We have received an addition grant for the wall mounted TV screens and the installation can now go ahead later this month.

4.2 NURTURING.
Laura Tebay no longer coming to St Thomas and St Paul's due

to low numbers of older children attending her Sunday School classes.

Training has been offered to young people in years 7 and 8 from both parishes to train as Alter Servers. Henry and Michael attended and will assist during services.

Discussion groups were proposed by Nick to start in October lasting for 6 sessions. A Lent course could comprise of either repeating Stations of the Cross or Bible Study / Discussion Group based on Pilgrim course books.

4.3 SERVING

A fitness group, Spring Together, will be using the church space starting 26th September and will be run by the Redeemed Church of Christ.

The Baby Bonding Group is due to start in January 2027.

The extra chair Dolly is due to come in 5/6 weeks.

Walkers Conservation have started work on the pointing and stone repair work on the south side of the church. Walkers have also agreed to replace gutters on the south side but this will be paid for with a separate grant from the Diocese.

On the north side of the church a buttress has collapsed due to vandalism due to people climbing up on the roof using the buttress as a ladder to retrieve footballs. We have obtained two quote, one from Walkers and one from Bullens, with Walkers being the cheaper quote. The insurance company has been notified and we are hoping to get the buttress repaired on the insurance

Graham is to liaise with Richard regarding Experience Christmas

Certain light sockets in the church are not working and the toilet light auto switch is not functioning. Nick to contact Jason.

4.4 SUSTAINABILITY

To be considered in Agenda Item 7, A Stock Take/

5. Vicar's Update.

A date has been arranged for a Harvest Service and Bring and Share Meal with BICC for Sunday 4th October.

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6. **Correspondence.**
   None.

7. **A Stock Take of St Thomas Church**
   We will consider this under 4 areas – Missional, Financial, Congregational and Ministerial Sustainability and consider strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats for each.
   The outcomes of this discussion have been summarised for each of these areas in the attached 4 charts. These charts will form the basis for subsequent discussion and consideration as to how we build on the strength and opportunities and address the weaknesses and threats.

8. **Reports**
   Not discussed and deferred to next meeting.

9. **Dates**
   Next PCC meeting on Thursday 5th November 2026 at 7pm via Zoom.

10. **Future Agenda Items**
    Eco Church- next steps.
    Church Porch.
    Trees in church grounds

    We closed by saying the Grace