

Walton Churches Partnership Council

Our Vision: Seeking, Sharing and Celebrating the Abundant Life of God

Our Mission: Thinking small: Generous hospitality: Involving everyone

Minutes of the meeting of the Walton Churches Partnership Council on Monday 23rd June, 2025 at 7.00pm in St Mary's Church Wavendon

Present: Jonathan Bailey, Mandy Sleight (Chair), Revd. Alison Drury, Klaus Reidel, Revd. Matt Trendall, Stephanie Warren Charles Robertson and Sue Wilson

Minutes

Opening Prayer

Apologies for Absence: Revd. Ruth Maxey, Revd. Ian Pearce, Steve Potter, Carolyn Sanderson, Clare

1. The minutes of the meeting of the AGM 30 April 2025 were approved. There were no matters arising not covered by the agenda this evening.
2. **Ministry:**
Alison Priesting service: 28th June 3pm Great Missenden, this was live streamed.
Ian's preach with a view: 6th July, in hand with CTK organising the congregation meeting afterwards.
WCP BBQ Sunday: 27 July 3:30 PM location St Mary's rectory.
Staff Holidays and Matt's Sabbatical: Matt's sabbatical dates are from 22nd August – 21st November 2025
Walton LEP 40th Anniversary: 1 October Ruth M chairing the committee each congregation to provide two reps for the committee.
Vocation and leadership training: Glynn at CWW is doing worship leader training. Ruth leading a worship course, all congregation to be contacted. Christina at St Mary's doing vocational training.
Week of guided prayer 2026; Held over to the next meeting
- 3 **Safeguarding**
Appointment of congregational Deputy PSOs St Mary's to be appoint, all other congregation to confirm.
How to respond Leaflets agreed to be promoted by the congregations, Rachel is updating the guidance on Domestic abuse based on changed from the CoE.
Domestic abuse Training has been paused due to concerns over content being triggering.

DBS verifier: Mandy advised all outstanding CWW DBS checks had now been completed.
4. **Finance Report:**
A new treasure has been appointed, Clare Veal, Emma and Clare have actioned the handover of accounts, documents are to be stored in the community centre and Barclays mandates have been updated to reflect the changes mentioned above.

5. **Congregational Round Up.** – Reminder about Alisons priesting service. 3pm 28th June St Peter & St. Paul Church at Great Missenden will be Alisons's ordination date.

Matt is taking a sabbatical (August to November 2025). Everyone felt this was long overdue. Ian is on leave in September.

Community Church

I start this report with gladness in my heart. So many good events have happened at the Community Church.

Attendance at our services has gradually increased over the last few months. We have had 5 new members formally join our congregation. Attendance at the Easter services was notably higher than last year. We held a well-attended joint Good Friday service in partnership with the Roman Catholic Congregation at Christ the King. Our renew cafe continues to thrive, monthly services at Kent's Hill Care Home have recommenced. We have welcomed the local schools to our church on a number of occasions.

On Saturday afternoon from 12 noon to 3pm on 12th July we will have a Summer Fete at Kent's Hill Community Centre where the public are invited to enjoy refreshments, cakes, garden games, tabletop sales and much more. We hope to make this an annual event. Please come along. We just need a sunny day.

We particularly wish to thank Pastor Ian Pearce, who has been with us for 10 months for his leadership that has made a great difference to the work and cohesion of our congregation. Ian has formally applied to be our permanent minister. Following the Baptist regulations, we had Part One which was the interview. A unanimous decision was recorded by the panel to offer the post to Ian. Part Two is for Ian to Preach with a View on 6th July followed by an Extraordinary General Meeting where the congregation will decide on the offer of the post.

Part three will be a Bring and Share Lunch to conclude the day.

CWW

Our Easter services were busy with a few new faces, our Easter for everyone on Good Friday was also busy with many new faces from the local community joining us for the event.

The congregation has seen some new faces joining us since Christmas, the services have continued with support from the guidance group with Forest Church and Quite Church being regularly led by the lay team.

St. Mary's

Our Easter services were well received and well attended with a congregation of some 157 on Easter Day morning - with one or two standing!

An enlarged Stewards group was formed earlier this year with its second meeting next week. This is to take the church forward.

Church events and events in the community continue:

- an Alpha course is currently in progress
- recent churchyard clearance to remove molehills
- language classes continue on Thursday mornings and Saturdays
- prayer meetings on Monday mornings
- coffee mornings on Wednesdays and Thursdays
- monthly quiz nights

- several home groups for bible study continuing after Lent groups.

All Saints

Positive vibes at All Saints and still growing in terms of the congregation. With busy Ester services Increase in numbers for all services, Teenagers coming on their own, Alison and matt have been meeting with them to offer support. Lots of adults coming wanting to know god, looking to have full emersion baptisms at Christ the king.

Roman Catholic Church

Increase in numbers, with the regular attendance numbers stabilising, we have held, 1 baptism and 2 confirmations, the first communion and confirmation is due in the next few weeks.

6: Update on Ann:

Ann has been the chair of the partnership since 2021, her terminal diagnoses has hit both St Marys and the wider church partnership hard, all at the meeting expressed their thoughts and prayers for Ann and the family.

10. Date/Time of Next Meeting: 7 PM 8th September location the meeting room, Wavendon community centre.

Walton PCC

Agenda for meeting

Note: members of Walton PCC are:

- *those WCP Council members affiliated to the Church of England and/or who have joined the Electoral Roll – namely Rev. Matt Trendall (chair), Rev. Alison Drury, Ann Beaton, Jonathan Bailey, Carolyn Sanderson, Steve Potter, Stephanie Warren, and Mandy Sleight plus Walton's churchwardens – Pat Sawyer, Barny Daley, Roger Hancock (and Jonathan Bailey – already a WCP Council member)*

1. Approval of Notes to last meeting 30 January 2025: approved.

2. Matters arising :

- Deanery news incl. diocesan funding bid and Deanery Mission Fund: Rejected, other funding options available. To be investigated.
- Update on Gardens of Rest at (a) St Mary's – Now completed, (b) All Saints – Not started yet.
- Pinfold Monument at the OU- No Update.
- Matt's Sabbatical – from 22nd August – 21st November 2025.

3. Date of next meeting – as per item 10 above: 7 PM 8th September location the meeting room, Wavendon Community Centre.

The meeting closed with The Grace at 9.05pm.