

Walton Churches Partnership Council

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

Our Mission: Thinking small: Generous hospitality: Involving everyone

Agenda for Monday 8th Sept at 7.00pm

Venue: Community Room, Wavendon

Opening Prayer (Alison) including thanks for Ann and for her family.

Giving thanks for Ann Beaton

Those present: MNY CWW, Steve Potter and Stephanie Ctk Community Church, Clare, Jonathen St Marys, Klaus, Ctk Catholic Church, Charles Robertson, Ian Pearce, Alison, Glyn CWW, Carolyn.

Apologies for Absence: Matt and Ruth

Minute taker for the meeting:

- 1. Approval of minutes to the last meeting 23rd June 2025 and Matters Arising from these minutes not covered by the agenda:**

Noted some spellings of names needed correcting. Note that Matt's Sabbatical began on 22nd August.

- 2: Matters arising:**

Week of Guided Prayer 2026 – Ruth has not managed to pursue this. Unless someone else able to lead on this we will need to leave this for this year.

- 3: Finance:**

2023 accounts were not audited. Needs to be done. Clare will check up on 2023 paperwork and David Harby said he would audit this.

2024 accounts have been prepared and will go to David for auditing.

2025 accounts are in order

Parish Share for 2026 to be agreed:

Deanery contribution: up to £73,000, taking into account Ruth's house. We then get a 50% contribution to the house from Newport Pagnell URC. Clare in touch with Deanery. Proposed that we authorise Clare to continue this process. Proposed by Ian, seconded by Stephanie. Approved.

URC M&M contribution: £17,820 for Ruth Maxey. Proposed acceptance by Steve, seconded by Stephanie. Approved.

Any other updates as appropriate: Clare asked what sort of financial report wanted for future meetings. Report budget for the year, the budgeted amount for the time period involved and the actual figures for that time period. Thanks were expressed to Clare.

- 4. WCP Events/joint activities**

Walton LEP 40th Celebration 4th Oct 2025: Request for £500 for the Ceildh Band Mandy proposed accepting this and Klaus seconded. Approved. Sign up sheets are circulating.

Youth & Children's updates:

Zoom Kids start this week after summer break. Got 16 at the moment.

Relax Teens: starts this Friday, alternating with Youth Alpha. Subsidy for Greenbelt. 7 young people went and was positive. URC Synod covered the costs of the young people's tickets. The WCP covered the leaders cost. Children's Choir has around 6-8 children; based at All Saints but open across the Partnership. URC youth weekend first weekend in October. Can the WCP offer a subsidy for those going. 50% subsidy would be £25 per person. Probably about 10 children. This is open

across Partnership. Cost has risen. Carolyn proposed, Jonathan seconded. Approved. Mandy to follow up with Ruth. Noted if more funding needed there are funds we can apply for.

14+ youth group – Alison leading at All Saints Had 8 young people at first meeting. Based material on Alpha and other sources. Sunday at 4-5.30 running now to Advent. Noted that we have three teens groups, which is fine. Noted that those running the three teenager groups should network.

Youth Alpha - Ian

Christmas Flyer (*do we want one?*) Ruth would need information by end of October. Would be electronic and congregation can distribute it in their own way. Agreed.

5. Safeguarding updates:

Any updates – Rachael no update received. Is a problem at Oxford Diocese on their company's DBS data breach. So there is a temporary pause. Alison to be in touch with Rachael.

6. Ministerial updates:

CTK and Ian's position: Steve shared that the congregation had set an 80% approval threshold to make an appointment. The July vote achieved just under 78%. Has been a difficult summer; discussions opened with Rev Lisa Kerry with the stewards and Ian. Lisa will be taking a special congregational meeting on 21st September.

Ian felt God put him here and Ian shared his statement to the congregation at Christ the King. We await the outcome of this meeting. Thanks were expressed to Ian for his patience.

7. Congregational Round Up:

Community Church Sunday attendance and membership increasing. Youth church monthly during Sunday service. Summer fete was successful and moving to have 3-4 community engagement events per annum. Kents Hill Care Home monthly service is appreciated. Running two Alpha groups and Renew continues successfully. Also running a MacMillan Coffee Morning.

CWW 3 teen baptisms in last few weeks. Numbers stable. Away day this Sunday with meal and seeking ideas to refresh ministry and involvement.

St. Mary's: Jonathan reported that they are working through Phillipians series. Authum events starting up. A new Advent Voices choir has started.

All Saints Matt's now on Sabbatical until late November. Congregation is increasing. Got 'ponderings in the pub'. Restored café church. Tuesday afternoon tea running. Quite a number of community groups use the church. Had quite a lot of weddings.

Roman Catholic Church: Last weekend held a pilgrimage around the cluster.

8. Any Other Business:

WCP Chair: Mandy has stepped in for the moment and is happy to stay until the May AGM. The meeting emphasised that the WCP Council will support her.

URC Synod 'Road Show' – opportunity for MK people to find out more about the URC Synod. Monday 29th September at Christ the Cornerstone (Poster attached).

9. Date/Time of Next Meeting :

Ruth has asked if the meeting could be on one of the following dates?

Tuesday 11th Nov

Tuesday 3rd February

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, Barney Daley, Roger Hancock (and Jonathan Bailey – already a WCP Council member)*

Jonathan chaired.

1. Approval of Notes to last meeting 23rd June 2025: approved

2. Matters arising :

- Deanery news Got a Chapter meeting on Wednesday. New Archdeacon starting in November. Diocese now evaluated as affluent and so no additional funding likely for Milton Keynes. All Saints have applied to Deanery Mission Fund. In Bishop Dave we have a visionary person.
- Update on Gardens of Rest at St Mary's and All Saints. At St Mary's largely complete – some groundwork to do.
- Pinfold Monument at the OU – that is now proceeding. Will be done at end of September.

3. Date of next meeting – as per item 8 above:

Finish with The Grace