

MUCH WENLOCK WITH BOURTON PCC

MINUTES OF MEETING

Sunday 12th April 2026, 11.20 am



in Holy Trinity, Much Wenlock

PRESENT:

Revd Preb Matthew Stafford (RevdM) - Chair
Mrs Ann Craig (AC) (Bourton)
Mrs Francine Coulson-Joy (FCJ)
Mrs Susan Crooke-Williams (SCW)

Mrs Alison Dixon (AD)
Mrs Sue Gilling (SGi)
Mrs Gill Davis (GD)
Revd Sam Rigby (SR)

APOLOGIES:

Mrs Sally Grant (SG)
Revd Lisa Harper (LH)
Mr Mark Laws (ML)
Mr Andrew Ramsay (AR)
Mrs Jan Ratcliffe (JR)

Approval of the minutes of the last PCC meeting held on 19th March 2026
and any matters arising will be at the next PCC meeting

ACTION

1. Apologies

Apologies were as noted above.

2. Co-opt verger and any others to PCC

Mrs Jan Ratcliffe had been elected to serve on the PCC and was welcomed in her absence. Andrew Ramsay and Alison Dixon were reappointed to the PCC for a further 3-year term.

The position of verger will again be shared between churchwardens and their assistants.

3. Election of Officers

a) Required by general provisions.

The following officers were elected:

	Proposed	Seconded
i. Vice-Chair – Mark Laws	SCW	FCJ
ii. Secretary – Mrs Alison Dixon	SCW	AC
iii. Treasurer – Mr Andrew Ramsay	GD	AC
iv. Electoral Roll Officer – Mrs Julie Quinn	Ros Stanley	Neil Warrington
v. Safeguarding Officer – Mrs Sue Gilling	GD	AD

b) Free will offering envelopes will be covered by the Treasurer.

4. Required by constitution of Team Council

Representation will be covered by one of the churchwardens or, in their absence, another member of the PCC.

5. Safeguarding

Revd Matthew and Sue Gilling will be meeting prior to the sabbatical and an action plan put in place.

REVD M/SGI

6. Any Other Business (at the start of the meeting)**Fabric**

Tim Ratcliffe joined the meeting and reported that the Wall Walkers had been on the tower on Thursday and Friday. Quite a lot of loose stone had come off the walls. Videos have been received by Tim and ML and will be shared with PCC members. There are a lot of crevices and holes which require attention. It is proposed to have the Wall Walkers come back in 2 years' time if nothing is done in the meantime, but the walls to need repointing.

ML

The roof, which was done in 1930 and has been patched twice previously, is also showing cracking and will need attention to prevent leaking. It was noted that the roof was raised in 1930 but proposed it should be lowered again for safety reasons.

It will need to be a 2 to 5-year project, attending to the walls and the roof at the same time while scaffolding is erected. Fundraising will be required. Revd Sam will look into Cornerstone and potential funding. It was noted the government has stopped the 20% tax refunds for such work and is yet to propose a replacement scheme.

SM

SCW will write again to Stephen Chandler to add the tower and roof, as well as a projection screen for the church, to the list of discussion items during his visit.

SCW**The green agenda**

Mr Simon Ross had raised to the Secretary the question of Eco and Pray & Share being mentioned as 'prophetic' by Revd Matthew during the APCM, asking what was understood by this and what was intended to be done about it.

Gill Davis advised that she had seen the national emergency briefing presented last November by 9 experts talking about concerns in their field. A Public Emergency briefing has now been released last week, which is a shorter 45-minute version designed for publication to the general public, focussing on what we can do as a country. The Church of England is supporting this and will be preparing a pack.

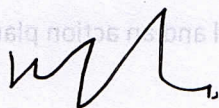
GD has signed up to receive the information and proposed doing a showing in Holy Trinity, which would be supported by a facilitator to talk through issues and concerns. It would be an opportunity to involve the whole community. General approval was given by the PCC to go ahead with this. Revd Sam and GD will discuss further. It was suggested and agreed that the PCC would view the film first.

SM/GD

The meeting closed at 11.42 am in prayer.

The date of the next PCC meeting is Thursday 21st May 2026 at 7.00pm in Holy Trinity Much Wenlock.

Signature:



Date:

