Minutes
Fareham & Portchester Parish Pastoral Council,
7: 30pm Tuesday 27th October 2026

Present: Canon John, Ann Anderson, Wendy Escott, Richard Dickson, Sarah McLellan, Margaret Marshman, Deacon Larry, David Barnsley Parsons, Angela Nally, Jacqueline Cherian

Apologies: Lisha Chiramal

No	Item	*Action*
1	**Opening Prayer** led by Canon John	
2	**Minutes of previous meeting** were agreed	
3	**Planning for Sacred Heart Jubilee 2028.** Meeting taking place 7th November 10:30am SPHH led by WE	***WE***
4	**Curry & Quiz Night 20th November 2026.** **Timetable** 6pm set up Doors open 7pm 7:30pm start 8pm Curry delivered Help will be needed with set up. WE, MM & AN are available to assist. A raffle will be held. Raffle tickets are available in parish. Hamper prize for the winning quiz team. DBP to organise. Attendees to bring own drink. Squash will be available. Tea and coffee not to be offered but could be available on individual request. Cutlery and glasses available in the hall. The curry order can be placed 2 or 3 days before the event but aim for a week in advance. Food will be ordered from Flavour Fiesta at £8 per box and they will deliver. A Power Point will run in background showing church groups.	***DPB*** ***WE, MM, AN*** ***LC/JC*** ***DBP***
5	**Churchsuite "Mopping up "process.** Cross checking remains an outstanding action.	***AA***

6	**Solent Pastoral Area Mission Plan Update** A Formal Consultation process will not yet be commenced. Plan is not so settled as originally hoped. The Bishop has advised that the pastoral area will move towards an 'In Solidum' model. Rather than the merger of three of four parishes proposed, Sacramental programmes across Parishes are in place and working well.	***Cn JC***
7	**Welcome cards.** Final draft almost ready. ChurchSuite link to be included. DBP will share this with the PPC via email this weekend.	***DB-P***
8	**Website & communications** JC confirmed that Jon Ward is now the Web Master Suggest change of wording on Churchsuite sign up on website. WE to talk to Jon. Some information was out of date and general updating is required. It was suggested that group leaders contact Jon directly with any changes required. Check GDPR clearance for Jon to contact groups. Photos of PPC members are not on website. Send to Jon to upload. Jon ward to be invited to a PPC meeting early in 2027 to talk through the website.	***WE*** ***WE***
9	**SH Church prayerful guide for visitor's feedback from Canon John** Carried forward.	***Cn JC***
10	**Caritas talk by Jenny Le Lean** The planned talk this evening was postponed by Jenny. She will attend the PPC meeting on 23rd January to give a 20minute talk and 10 minutes Q&A. **WE** to invite the other PPCs from the pastoral area.	***WE***
11	**Christmas Mass times postcard drop.** Order additional 2,000. There had been a plan to target new homes in Wellborne. It was noted that not many homes are occupied yet. AN to contact Fareham Borough Council with a Freedom of Information request to gauge the level of occupied homes. It was proposed that delivery could be combined with a Prayer Walk. LM to discuss with David Cockshoot. Cards also to be placed on community notice boards. Distribution of cards for parishioners to deliver to neighbours to take place on the second weekend of Advent.	***DBP or AA?*** ***AN***
12	**November Meeting Agenda**	

	Reflect on T&Cs of the PPC. Together with our aims and hopes for the next year or two. WE proposed that the November meeting be largely held as a synodal style discussion. She will send out information in advance There will be a short agenda of any items that cannot be deferred to January.	***WE***
13	**2027 Meeting Dates** See below	
14	**Strengthening parish & school link.** Current links are through School Masses. Deacon Larry is visiting regularly. Possible initiatives that might strengthen links discussed. Gosport parish has active links with school children involved in parish liturgies. Juliette Kelly to be invited to join the PPC. **AN** will check when these Masses happen and make contact.	 ***Cn JC*** ***AN***
15	**Nurturing youth engagement and faith development** There is a potential opportunity for a parish youth club based at SPH. A soon to be married couple have moved to the parish who have extensive experience of youth ministry. They have been involved in Youth 2000 and are very keen to work with the young people from First Holy Communion. Confirmation and Post Confirmation groups. It is anticipated that the club will be open to youth of all faiths or none.	
16	**Name badge Sunday.** RD commented that Name Badge Sunday appears to have tailed off. Following discussion of the benefits and issues it was decided that it will be quarterly going forward with 'turn to your neighbour' continuing monthly and at Christmas and Easter.	
AOB	**Living Stones party.** SMcL shared the very positive feedback verbalised at and following the event. Can be considered a great success. Agreement to continue as an annual event, in October as although summer weather may be advantageous calendars are usually busy. To avoid altar servers' bowling and the parish party being on consecutive dates. **LED notice boards** JC would like this to be investigated again, for two internal LED screens in SH porch, visible from the outside. WE to investigate with the company previously approached. **Tea and Cake afternoon club.** AN suggested that a club be set up for the elderly and retired once the SHH refurbishment is complete, to help combat loneliness and foster connection. AA advised that the hall refurbishment may not be complete for many months. AN will explore other venues. **Fire & Gas Safety**	**Dates to be set** ***WE***

	Diocesan guidelines request that all churches have procedures for Fire and Gas. MM has compiled this for both parish churches. There will also be a requirement for volunteer training. MM is meeting with the Diocesan Health and Safety Estates lead on 6th November to discuss Legionella training.	***MM***
17	**Closing prayer led by Canon John**	
18	**Date of next meeting 28th November 10:00am**	

2026 meeting dates
Saturday 28th November 10.00am

2027 meeting dates:
Saturday 23rd January10.00am
Tuesday 2nd March 7.30pm
Tuesday 20th April 7.30pm
Tuesday 1st June 7.30pm
Saturday 10th July10.00am
Tuesday 26th October 7.30pm
Saturday 20th November 10.00am