

A brief PCC report 2025

Details of the structure of the Parochial Church Council are set out in the report for the Charities Commission. The report of activities for 2025 was published in our April newsletter, also available on our website. All Minutes from 2025 can be read on the All Saints Hertford website, and the most recent minutes are to be seen in the Church, so my report is not comprehensive.

Our work in 2025 ranged as always from strategic planning for the future of the family of All Saints and how we reach out into the wider community, through to oversight of the building and its needs and on to the paperwork behind such activity as necessary repairs etc. We approve and review policies to support us especially regarding our need to keep everyone safe. A particularly happy task in 2025 was to gain a faculty for the memorial to Brian Bromley that is now placed by the vestry door.

We work as a team and meet every two months. Standing Committee meets between, and a report of its work is shared with the whole group.

In 2025 PCC began discussing how to improve the hirers' experience of our Hall now that the new (inhouse produced) booking system was installed and working well. The Hall has many hirers and is valued by the community, and we already have a good management team.

In the Church itself, 2025 saw the Vicar and others apologising for an unheated building increasingly frequently while PCC researched and prepared documents for the Diocese in our bid to deal with this situation. (Details of our long-term plans are in the minutes). You may recall the joy in the church as people were seen removing coats in All Saints! We are now warmed and

welcoming, and this supports our move to be an open door church for passers-by.

We expanded our hiring arrangements to newcomers and welcomed to our large car park Street Food Heroes who encourage many visitors. Candlelit concerts indoors (Lumos and others) likewise bring a large audience.

PCC was delighted that Simon, who was appointed as Priest in Charge became Vicar in 2025 when the Hertford Team was dissolved. Our relationships with other churches continue to flourish.

Members of the PCC are to be seen at many services and events ready to encourage, serve and listen, and photos of them are posted in Church.

Mary Penny.