

Meeting of Ickleton Parochial Church Council

Date: Tuesday 2026 **Time:** 7.30pm **Location:** Abbey Farm

Attendees: Rev Lydia, Lewis Duke, Richard Herbert, Hilary Rule, Susie Lober

1. Welcome and prayers
2. Apologies for absence: Frances/ Carolyn/ James
 - a. Welcome to Susie. Thanks to Howard for serving on the PCC
3. Minutes of last meetings approved and signed by Lydia
 - a. September minutes PCC signed
 - b. 28th April PCC
 - c. Repair of lime render above organ by email 23 may
4. Matters arising
 - a. Lone worker policy is part of Health and Safety and it should be avoided if at all possible. However, the PCC recognises that it is inevitable there will be occasional lone working will be necessary and added these notes:
 1. Contractors must have their own lone worker policy
 2. A person on their own should
 - a. have their phone with them
 - b. inform someone local where they when they are expected to return
5. Conflicts of interest: none declared
6. Matters arising
 - a. Social story now on website under <https://www.hinkledux.com/Groups/447423/Accessibility.aspx>
 - Outstanding tasks
 - b. Lydia will contact Welcome Trust to discuss possible links as part of a joint PCC in the future
 - c. Jenny will pursue change of name Chancel Repair
 - d. Hilary will produce an instruction card as guidance for readers
 - e. Lydia will check with Hannah Battersby re risk assessments for groups and independent family visits
7. Ministerial items:
 - a. Upcoming:
 - i. August services just 10 am
 - ii. August LLAMAS service 10 am
 - iii. Campfire church 4.30
 - iv. Sermon series focused on ‘God is in this Place’ through OT stories
 - v. Joint service 5th Sunday in August
 - b. Harvest September 13th The feeling was that after the success of Forest church we should schedule it for outside at 4.3pm.
 - c. Christmas schedule will be discussed asap so dates can be shared in village along with current activities

- d. Judith priesting 3pm Ely. Collection to Richard cash through door. Gift to be given on 26th July when she conducts her first communion. Lydia will organise the purchase of a stole.
- e. Carolyn has resigned from church admin post. She will finish on 31st July. Hugh and Jenny will work with Lydia on replacement. This will include discussion about sourcing a lap top.

8. Review of Finances (Richard)

- a. Income c£18000
 - i. Thanks to funerals,
 - ii. Friends of Ickleton reimbursed the PCC for the info-point for £2000
 - iii. HMRC rebate welcome
- b. Expenses income- small surplus £9500/ no extra expenditures of note
- c. Sum up summarises range of activities and Richard allocates amount according to date and purpose

9. Fundraising/ events proposed for 2026

- a. Friends of Ickleton: Lecture Paul Shakeshaft: 4th September – refreshment. Friday 7th refreshment 6.30 pm start 7pm
- b. Cambridge Ride and Stride
 - 1. Recruit participants 12th September
 - 2. Hilary/ Lewis/ Helen/ Rachel volunteers in church
 - ii. Lydia will mastermind the Information about dob etc which we will display in a tent in the churchyard
 - iii. Jenny will link up with Hannah to display
 - 1. Heritage activities (although scaffolding will probably be up)
 - 2. Info-point
- c. Village Christmas market 10-4 pm November 21st /22nd
 - 1. Stir-up Christmas
 - 2. Gingerbreads workshop
 - 3. Cake stall
 - 4. Musical – winter music?
- d. Celebration of wall paintings project November 28/29th?
 - 1. Robyn – reveal of art work
 - 2. ? bring and share meal?
 - 3. ? evensong
- e. June village festival 2027 promoted by Friends of Ickleton Church to draw together village organisation and celebrate village life around church and the green- capitalising on organisation indivisaul offering
 - i. Fun Races
 - ii. Sharing Crafts
 - iii. Ickle gigs
 - iv. Cricket club
 - v. Can we close the road? Linda Lester to explore possibilities

10. Friends of Ickleton Church keen to be part of next phase of activities
11. Deanery Synod: report from Jon Smith attached
12. Safeguarding – Carolyn will continue to be parish safeguarding officer (PSO) for all three parishes
13. Building and conservation

- a. Masonry repair mainly completed. It was felt that Herringbone builders, supervised by architect Stephanie Norris have done a great job.
- b. Arrangements for closure of church September / October
 - i. Risk assessments will be needed for events during conservation work.

Action: Jenny will ask for a scaffold plan from Hirst

- ii. Services are likely to be able to continue although church will be closed to general visitors
- iii. Coffee mornings will continue in village hall

14. Churchyard:

- a. Wall boundary now fenced off and discussions re ownership and repair continuing
- b. Parish Council applied for grant from 100 parishes to repair tomb. Lydia is in the process of applying for faculty
- c. Cherry Trees – we are hoping to replace them.
- d. Eco plans/ survey (Rob). Balancing nature with managing the environment.
 - i. We are aiming to submit details for Bronze award Cambridgeshire Conservation award scheme
 - ii. Rob is working with Dominic Pallett employed by PC, he has also involved Sophie Hancock who is interested in helping with the survey, Lewis will help with identifying grasses
 - iii. He now needs to liaise with councillor Lucy Davidson as Terry has retired
 - iv. There will be Photographic record of churchyard –
 - v. We would like to schedule activities for Love your burial week in 2027 <https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/about-love-your-burial-ground-week-with-churches-count-on-nature/>

15. Families/Children/Youthinc

- a. School update:
 - i. Our HLF education officer led a well-received whole Duxford school visit to St Peters Duxford
 - ii. School council will on visit July 13th to try out the activities she has developed for families
 - iii. Robyn will be in Duxford School all day on July 2nd to run art workshops and produce art that will contribute to the final art in Ickleton church

- iv. Thanks to Howard Lober for continuing in his role as school governor
- b. Youthinc: Hannah Elphick is continuing to run monthly groups on the first Sunday of the month. We aim to run a parallel session for parents – feedback is that they find it useful to discuss topics at home
- c. Forest church in June was really good, attracting an encouraging number of families . Thanks to Jamie for hosting and we hope to do it again

16. AOB:

- a. There are two bell clappers in the vestry – Richard asked permission to dispose of them. The PCC agreed
- b. Metal cupboard is being donated to cricket club
- c. Trevor interested in the white crockery

17. Date of next meeting

- a. Joint PCC? tba
- b. Ickleton PCC: Sunday September 20th @ 7.30pm