

Blessed Hugh Church Faringdon

PPC Minutes 23 February 2026

8.30 pm – 9.30pm

Kathleen – Chair

Ann – Minutes

Attending:, Kathleen, Ann, Nicole, Wilbroad, Lorraine, Vanessa, Darren and Fr Claro.

Matters and actions arising and actions from the last meeting

Action	Person Responsible
Continue with Noticeboard Actions	JP
Welcomers asked to stay back - working well .	Vanessa
Check in with Karen about social media – LB not seen to catch her for a while . Will follow up .	Lorraine
Let the Children’s Liturgists – less adult talk and children speaking more .	Kathleen
Look into financing snacks for the Youth Group – LB to raise at next finance meeting	Lorraine
Youth Group to be advertised in the newsletter.	JP/Nicole
Distribute flyers with link to parish questionnaire after Mass in the Hall	Kathleen

Youth group update

Finance and snacks – **LB to bring up in March**

JP& Nicole – advertise in Newsletter, contact Maria Cupid.

Nicole spoke about topics for the year and it was **suggested this is put in the newsletter** as would encourage people to attend. Helena’s plan for the year is about ‘How to Pray’ focus on Sunday gospel and how we get influenced by others. Fellowship, sex and university.

Welcome team update

People come from side entrance – meet and greet. Suggestion for books by side door (H&S hazard). **Vanessa to let ‘welcomers’ know to direct parishioners to front door to collect hymn book and mass sheet.**

Suggestion is that parishioners to leave hymn books and mass sheets and children to collect in and tidy up – this will involve them more - **Nicole to action**

Social Media Update

Discussion around checking if Karen is happy to do his and if there may be others to support so not solely on Karen. **LB to follow up**

Children's liturgy update

KT heard that the meeting on the 14/2/2026 was useful – Claire and Maria attended. There was discussion regarding allowing extra time for liturgy ie extend when topics are more meaningful. Wasn't supported as people like their children to attend mass and also for those delivering, also want to attend mass.

First Communion update

5 Children – this will be after mass on 01/03/2026 Jaden will be trained by parents due to SEN. Children's book and parents' guide needed.

Orders for children's mass cards as they keep disappearing, KT ordered more cards. Vanessa asked about ordering more 'yellow bags' as only 3 left

Young Families, upcoming baptisms

Sunday 4 x baptisms during mass – confirmed that baptisms are always during mass

JP to invite young families and reach out and encourage those who are new to the parish

RCIA update

Update, 500 attended at Portsmouth Cathedral.

Fr Claro spoke about engagement of evangelisation, and for the PPC being more conscious about evangelisation - it is everyone's role.

KT asked about 'how to approach' and perhaps those in the RCIA can advise of an approach. Vanessa shared about not wanting to put people off.

Darren shared it was good to hear other converts stories and how he engaged in conversation with a work colleague.

Wilbroad shared that his is a broad topic and which strategy is best for our Parish and it was agreed to add this as an **agenda item for discussion at the next meeting**.

Nicole shared that she is aware of a number of parishioners leaving the Parish as they do not learn anything saying that people want to grow spiritually. AOR asked about numbers and Nicole said different people. KT asked if this was via the survey and Nicole confirmed not – just people she has bumped into.

Tea and Coffee after mass and again being more conscious about involving people and talking to them.

AOR shared that it was good to encourage those who are new to be involved in the church and reflected on Jamie reading the Bidding Prayers and asked about what

training and guidance is given to do this. Darren and Vanessa are such professionals and confirmed they did support Jamie and will continue to support

AOR suggested that children could also be encouraged to read the Bidding Prayers as this is good life skills. KT suggested those children that do not go to the liturgy anymore could be approached.

Formation: Retreat and Formation Day

Conversation around Chris Harrison in January and a google form to be completed.

KT referred to the google form re evangelisation and has been told to 'hold fire' – basically leave this for now.

PEG (Pastoral Evangelisation Group) – LB needs someone to attend on Saturday 7 March as she cannot. KT and Vanessa agreed to attend on behalf of LB. They need to deliver a 5 minute presentation – LB has more information.

Evangelisation including evening talks

Friday 27/02/2026 – **JP will feedback**

Fr Darcy

Gathering parishioners and getting them involved in Church life.

Ideas to be added to the **agenda for next time**

Vanessa suggested the a Rosary Group. Marina's name was mentioned and Peter S and Vanessa to approach. Talk around doing this as 'prayers before bed'. **Wilbrod discussed with Peter S and will get back to the group.**

Forward look:

- Lent
- Easter

KT asked what else needs to be done. Next meeting 23/03/26 – stations of the cross on the Friday. Fr said organised with Paul and readers

Friday 06/03/2026 World Day of Prayer – United Church this year.

3pm Mary-Elizabeth and Denise to read

7pm Wilborad and Emanuel to read

This to be added to the newsletter – **LB to email Maria Cupid and also put on notice board and speak about this at mass on Sunday**

AOB

Retreat day – planned for **Saturday 18 April** in the Parish Hall. Waiting on Fr Liam as he needs to take to his community.

LB gave an outline of what is planned – start at 10:00 and finish by 15:00 and this to include a mass. Retreat to cover our own parish and wider pastoral area. Emailed Fr Liam re run up to Pentecost and focus on renewal and Holy Spirit - connection between spiritual renewal and practical parish life.

Needs to be promoted – can go in newsletter and talk at mass

AOR asked about an earlier start as the meeting finishes late. KT explained we can't due to the shared Zoom – AOR understands

Next 3 Meetings:

23rd March 8.30

20th April 8.30

18th May 08:30

Minutes

JP

Kathleen

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Chair

Lorraine

Vanessa

Darren