Minutes of Blessed Hugh Faringdon- Finance Committee Meeting
12 October 2026 at 8.30pm

Present: Fr Claro, Andrew Chell, Lorraine Brabin, Neill Taylor.
Apologies: N/A
Opening Prayer: Fr Claro led with an opening prayer.

Matters arising and Finance Report.
The bank balance is estimated as £27k. as Andrew is currently unable to access the account due to a computer issue. The Parish have been reminded in a verbal presentation of the importance of reviewing their giving and signing upto "Gift Aid". In response there have been a number of increased standing orders and new signatories to Gift Aid.

Current finance statement.

ACCOUNT Balance CDP Buckland	**13 July 2026**	**11 May 2026**	**9 March 2026**	**Jan. 2026**	Nov. 2025	Sept. 2025	June 2025
Current account	**25,568**	**26,036**	**29,765**	**34,001**	34,497	32,540	29,226

Buildings Report.
The report from Clive Hudson Associates , our structural engineer , into the state of the foundations and walls has been received and will be circulated as soon as Andrew's computer is back in use.
In response to the email from Alison Wheeler regarding Coxwell Gardens and the Presbytery rear wall ; Andrew has visited with our architect and agreed to reduce the height of the bushes and prune ,to reduce the effect of the roots imposing on the wall in high winds. A meeting with Alison Wheeler followed and the action agreed.
Following an attempted but failed "break in" at Blessed Hugh front door on Saturday 10 October the front door will need a new mortice lock. Action,Andrew.
The dishwasher in the hall has been repaired and is now working again.
Pastoral Area Amalgamation –Our share for this activity is £1385.24 which was deemed fair and will be paid from now on. Fr Claro said it may take a while for the account to function as Fr Jamie is retiring.
PPC Matters
No further news regarding the notice board, goody bags and the youth group.
Any other business
Lorraine informed the meeting she will no longer have have the use of "teams" after 31 March 2027.
Date of next meetings 2026– Mondays;16 November, 11 January, 8 March.
See emails from Lorraine dated for details.
The meeting closed with a prayer, led by Fr Claro.

Minutes by A. Chell