Minutes of Blessed Hugh Faringdon- Finance Committee Meeting
16 November 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 £17,095k. Down approx. 10k in October having spent , 5760 on a new boiler for the hall and radiator flush ; 3900 on architect/structural engineer / builder on wall investigations and 1385 on the Pastoral Area video. As stated in the October minutes the parish have been reminded to review their giving and invite more to sign up to Gift Aid and there has been a response. Our Gift Aid claims are currently held up (since April) awaiting our enrolment to Church Suite, the new program for claiming. Andrew needs a diocesan email address in order to do this. Action Andrew to Diocese.

Current finance statement.

ACCOUNT Balance CDP Buckland	**16 November 2026**	**13 July 2026**	**11 May 2026**	**9 March 2026**	**Jan. 2026**	Nov. 2025	Sept. 2025
Current account	**17,095**	**25,568**	**26,036**	**29,765**	**34,001**	34,497	32,540

Buildings Report.
The report from Clive Hudson Associates, our structural engineer, into the state of the foundations and walls has been circulated and Oliver Wilson our architect has been asked to produce a plan with costings for our consideration.
The Presbytery, rear garden is to be pruned to reduce the height of the bushes. Action.Andrew.
The mortice lock on the front door at Blessed Hugh is now renewed, along with a key safe containing the key. The Yale lock remains and those needing entry via the front door can use their own Yale key and ask Fr Claro or Andrew for the key safe code.
Roof repairs to the church hall roof will take place on 17 November. (Quoted at £ 810.)
The WiFi is not working in the church. Keith Hardie the installer will inspect on 18November.
A meeting has been proposed for parish finance and maintenance representatives in the Pastoral Area. Tba.
Pastoral Area Amalgamation –Our share for this activity is £1385.24 which has been paid. The promotional video was made on 15 November.
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 the use of “teams” after 31 March 2027.
Date of next meetings 2026– Mondays; 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