

**Minutes of Blessed Hugh Faringdon- Finance Committee Meeting**  
**17 November 2025 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.**

AC reported the Building Account and Charities Accounts are now closed so all our money is within the current account which includes a £500.00 Contingency for charity emergencies.

**Current finance statement.**

| ACCOUNT         | Balance<br><b>17<br/>November<br/>2025</b> | Balance<br>15 Sept.<br>2025 | Balance<br>June<br>2025 | Balance<br>March<br>2025 | Balance<br>20Jan<br>2025 | Balance<br>2 Dec.<br>2024 | Balance<br>2 Sept.<br>2024 |
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| Current account | <b>34,497</b>                              | 32,540                      | 29,226                  | 30,900                   | £.32,120                 | £.<br>30,437              | £<br>26,483                |

**Buildings Report.**

The architect has completed the monitoring of the wall cracks and the structural engineer has inspected. The movement is around 1 mm over the monitoring period. This report has already been circulated to this committee. We are advised to dig inspection holes to investigate the structure below the walls to check on any existing underpinning, also for any evidence of activity around the roots of the old cherry tree that used to be adjacent to the rear patio gate. The Diocese have given permission to proceed and a quote has been requested.

The Quinquennial Electricians report was completed to day for the Church and Hall and all is satisfactory. It is worth noting that the lighting in the church hall may need updating at some stage in future as fluorescent lighting may not be replaceable in future.

**Pastoral Area Amalgamation** – As stated previously, £500 has been paid by the parishes involved to a central fund to finance this process. Blessed Hugh queried this amount on the basis we are a small parish but the amount had been pre-agreed. LB has asked that in future it would be fairer to raise this money based on Mass Counts as the diocesan levy is calculated , another small parish has expressed similar sentiments and consideration is being given to this. NT has discussed the need for the Pastoral website particularly with reference to evangelisation ( with Chris Harrison) and is happy to proceed with it.

**PPC Matters**

**The notice board** selection is ongoing, JP is investigating a modification of the existing board . The advert has been placed with KBS News.

The presbytery has a new fridge and also a new shower .

AC to report to the congregation re progress on the wall and also remind them regarding Gift Aid .

**Date of next meetings – Mondays , 12 January 2026 ; 9 March 2026.**

The meeting closed with a prayer, led by Fr Claro.