



NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the Parochial Church Council of the parish of St Mary the Virgin, Ross-on-Wye will be held on **Tuesday 19th May 2026** at **7.00pm** in **Walford Church**.

AGENDA

- 1 Welcome, opening prayers and introduction**
- 2 Apologies**
to receive and accept apologies for absence
- 3 Closed Churchyard**
 - i. to receive a report of any issues from Cllr Utting
 - ii. to note progress with the handover of the newly closed churchyard to Herefordshire Council
- 4 Safeguarding**
 - i. to receive an update and take any necessary action on any safeguarding matter
 - ii. to confirm the regular use of the church by the Air Cadets
 - iii. to confirm the adoption of and sign the Promoting a Safer Church Policy Statement
 - iv. to note that a Safer Recruitment administrator is currently going through the recruitment process
- 5 Minutes of the last meetings**
to approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 17th March and 24th March 2026 and to check for validity the minutes of APCM held on 24th March 2026 for signing at the next APCM.
- 6 Rector's Report**
to receive information on the following and take any necessary actions
 - Benefice Strategy Day update
 - Churches Together Pentecost BBQ/lunch -
 - BBQ/lunch and Evensong – 26th July
 - JKHS and Emily
- 7 Finance Report**
 - i. to note a report from the Treasurer and take any necessary actions
 - ii. to accept a recommendation from the Treasurer to increase the 2027 Parish Share by £250 per month to £6,900, i.e. £82,800 per annum
 - iii. to consider a suggestion that the remaining balance of money of £1,250, set aside for charitable giving from last year be sent to the Bishop of Cyprus and the Gulf for use in humanitarian aid within his diocese
 - iv. to note that all cash must be counted by two people, labelled with what it is for and dated before going into the safe, to ensure compliance with Charity Commission cash handling requirements
 - v. to consider the search for a new treasurer
- 8 Standing Committee**
to ratify decisions made by the Standing Committee
 - i. to allow the RBL to host a picnic in the churchyard on Wed 15th or Thu 16th July
 - ii. to increase church hire fees for commercial organisations from £40 to £50 per hour from 5pm to 11pm. All other hire fees to remain the same

- iii. to pay the £142 bus fare from the Hannah Purchas Hardship fund for a student to attend college in Hereford

9 Ross Spire in Peril

- i. to note minutes of previous meetings and receive and accept a report on all actions to date
- ii. to note the acceptance of the letter of engagement by Hannah Vernon
- iii. to agree to register with the Fundraising Regulator at a cost of £60
- iv. to agree that the group work with the architect and fundraiser for both work to the spire and pinnacles and in making the church future proof including the bringing the heating up to a net carbon zero standard.

10 Administering the Chalice

to confirm the following twelve lay chalice administrators at St Mary's in addition to Canon Freda Davies and Dr Derek Glover (Licensed Lay Ministers)

Anne Morris - Commissioned Local Missioner

Paul Cummings - Commissioned Local Worship Leader

Paul Connell - Commissioned Local Worship Leader

Janet Cooper - Commissioned Local Worship Leader

Sue Jones - Commissioned Pastoral Visitor

Ann Stirrup - Commissioned Pastoral Visitor

Peter Reynolds - permission to administer

William Hazelton - permission to administer

Bryan Jones - permission to administer

Helen Setchfield - Commissioned Pastoral Visitor (residential homes)

Melanie Mellor - Commissioned Pastoral Visitor and Local Worship Leader (residential homes)

Jane Rothery - Commissioned Local Missioner (residential homes)

11 Deanery Synod

to note that elections take place this summer for the Diocesan Synod. Lay members are elected by your Deanery Synod reps (Saul Robertson, Freda Davies, Anne Morris and Rachel Lewis).

12 St Mary's Hall

- i. to receive a verbal report from the Hall Committee
- ii. to note the work done to improve the kitchen and toilets and thank Bryan and his team for this.

13 Health & Safety

to receive a verbal report and take any necessary actions

14 Date of next Meeting

to note the next PCC meeting will be on Tuesday 21st July 2026 at 7pm in church

Revd Prebendary Kelvin Price, Chairman, 10th May 2026

Kelvin Price (Chairman), Hugh James (Vice Chairman), Jean Brown, Paul Cummings, Freda Davies, Mike Donovan, Julian Hallett, Bryan Jones, Catherine Lewis, Rachel Lewis, Roy Milnes, Anne Morris, Caroline Pascoe, Peter Reynolds, Saul Robertson, Jane Rothery, Mark Sanderson and Alun Thomas.