



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 15th September 2026** at **7.00pm** in **St Mary's Church**.

AGENDA

- 1 Welcome, opening prayers and introduction**
- 2 Apologies**
to receive and accept apologies for absence
- 3 Safeguarding**
to receive an update and take any necessary action on any safeguarding matter
- 4 Closed Churchyard**
 - i. to receive a report of any issues from Cllr Utting on the Town Council area
 - ii. to receive a verbal report from the churchwardens on the newly closed churchyard concerning delays in accepting responsibility by Herefordshire
- 5 Minutes of the last meetings**
to approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 21st July and 2nd August 2026.
- 6 Rector's Report**
to receive information on the following and take any necessary actions
 - Benefice Strategy Day update – visitor experience
 - Parish Boundary, Brampton Abbots – to note that following receipt of a report on the poor state of the Lychgate, the process is to be put on “pause”
 - Eco Church – Gold Award
 - Youth Hub development
 - LifeLink Chaplaincy update
 - Associate Priest for Walford update
 - Bonfire – 5th November
- 7 Finance Report**
 - i. to note a report from the Treasurer and take any necessary actions
 - ii. to receive an update on the search for a new treasurer
- 8 Ross Spire in Peril (RSIP)**
 - i. to note minutes of previous meetings and receive and accept a report on all actions to date
 - ii. to accept the recommendations of the architect that we contract Andy Jarvis in respect of heating plans for the church, Ian Jenkins, surveyor, to look at the problems with spire and pinnacles and Richard Martin to carry out the work of derisking the pinnacles and spire as described in the Lottery application.
 - iii. to agree to engage four recommended project workers to be paid from the grant money received and confirm that the PCC accepts the National Heritage Lottery Funds advice that these posts do not have to be advertised.

- 9 Churchwardens' Report**
to receive and note a report
- 10 Fundraising Group**
- i. to thank Sue and the team for giving their time and talent and Jean for undertaking refreshments at the Flower Festival and h.Art.
 - ii. to note that the main Harvest morning service will be at Walford but there will be a Harvest Come, Sing & Sup (evensong & Supper) on 27th September.
- 11 Abelade and Heloise**
to receive a report from Brian Jackson on a proposed production of Abelard and Heloise in St Mary's from 27th September to 2nd October 2027
- 12 St Mary's Hall**
to receive a verbal report from the Hall Committee
- 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 17th November 2026 at 7pm in church

Kelvin Price (Chairman), Owen Pembery (Curate), 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.