St Andrew's Church, Sandon
PCC Minutes
Thursday 30th July 2026 at 7 pm
in the St Andrew's Room

The Church of England
in Essex and East London
Diocese of Chelmsford

1. Opening prayers were led by Judy Cecil.

2. Present: Janet Terry, Nick Bobeldijk, Lisa Wiseman, Andy Horne, Cathie Horne, Richard Cecil, Judy Cecil and Cedric Calmeyer from the Parish Council (PC).
Apologies: Alison Read, Christine Mennie and Colin Bryan.

3. Minutes of PCC Meeting of 11th June 2026: Proposed by Andy Horne, seconded by Lisa Wiseman and agreed unanimously with a minor amendment.

4. Matters arising: Richard reports he is making progress with the website safe area.
Car park hedge was cut by Claire and Ian Jefferies. Thank you to them.
Fête risk assessment completed.
Greenwood Court: we recently met Karin (Calmeyer) the new activities manager, who tells us St Mary's, Great Baddow may help in the Autumn.
Now visiting on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays.

5. Notification of any other business: None

6. Parish Council: Cedric Calmeyer reported the development at Columba Park is going ahead. Planning details will be complete by end of 2026. Development starts January 2027 and will take about 5 years, including a bridge over the A12 and 7 warehouses and is expected to employ 3000. There is an agreement that 50% of vehicles will be electric.
Howe Green warehouse development is refused.
On 30th August the PC will hold the Sandon Summer Festival from 1 pm to 8 pm, with parking at Sandon school. The community are all invited as a giving back from the council.
Defibrillator: PC will install power supply at church gate. Proposed by Andy Horne, seconded by Nick Bobeldijk and agreed by all that we apply for a defibrillator via British Heart Foundation. **Action Judy**

7. Finance and Insurance
Nick noted that CAF bank is awkward to use. CAF have had problems with hacking recently.
Finance Report attached. Nick away for September.
Church Insurance expires 31st July 2027, will cost £2466 (about 5% increase) for 12 months to July 2027 with Ecclesiastical. Need to look at how we insure from August 2027 for next 4 years. Authorisation for payments agreed for 2026. Thank you to Nick.

8. Safeguarding: Alison had sent her reports which were noted.
Andy requested a better aim for Tots in PAP. Risk assessments accepted.
Please check PCC members are up to date with training for awareness of Domestic Abuse. **Action All**

9. Churchwardens report:

    a. Churchwardens met with the Archdeacon: Included safeguarding discussions around Charity Commission requests to expand church safeguarding to activities of officers outside the church. Churches question to whom are we responsible and who sets the criteria. Many difficulties arise. The way forward is uncertain.
    No plans for appointment of a priest for Sandon.
    b. Mission: Pilgrim course for Advent will be 'The Commandments' on Tuesday mornings after the 9:30 am service starting 10th November for 6 weeks, ending 15th December.
    c. Church History is on website and there are some printed copies available.
    d. Fabric: Andy reports the woodwork is rotting and the yellow paint is faded on the 'Welcome' notice board. Andy will speak to Gill Haddington **Action Andy**
    e. Pax no news. Still at V&A.
    f. Cremated remains area.
    Faculty for cast plaques now approved. Donations so far about £500
    Faculty public notice for new supports to plaque rails period ends 5th August and then await decision from Registrar. **Action Churchwardens**
    g. Looking forward:
    Harvest 4th October. Bring and Share lunch after service and Foodbank collection
    Time to Remember 1st November 4 pm,
    Remembrance Service 8th November with Revd Andrew Merchant
    Frosty Fair 21st November 12 noon to 3 pm in the Village Hall,
    St Andrew's day celebration 29th November with Bishop Rob Martin.

10. Future PCC Meeting Dates

    a. Thursday 24th September at 7 pm in church

    b. A Thursday in November

11. Any Other Business: None

12. The meeting closed with the Grace at 8:35 pm