

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL FOR CHRIST THE KING & HOLY CROSS CHURCHES

MINUTES

Minutes of the 2nd pastoral council meeting for the 2025 /2026 Pastoral Year held on Tuesday 16th September 2025 in the Upper Room, Holy Cross Church, Wotton-under-Edge.

Attended by:

Deacon Lawrence (Parish Administrator)	Elaine Godfrey
Deacon Kingsley (Clergy)	Jane Parker
Chris Hurford (Treasurer)	Tim Sherwin
Frances Beck (PSR)	Sarn Bradshaw
Debbie Nicholls (Admin Support)	Cecilie Bradshaw
Bella Warren	Gillian Pollard

1. **Welcome and Opening Prayer**

Lawrence welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly Debbie and Bella who were attending the PPC for the first time. Lawrence then led the Opening Prayer

2. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Fr Frank Waters.

3. **Minutes of 1st Meeting (held on 10th June 2025)**

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

4. **Matters Arising**

The wooden plaque in memory of the Salvatorian Priests at CTK has been reinstated in the Church.

The action to replace the Notice Board at Holy Cross was carried forward.

Safeguarding information on the Parish website has been updated.

After further discussion, Sarn Bradshaw (CTK) was duly appointed as Vice Chair.

Deacon Lawrence thanked Yvonne Baker (HC) for her loyal service to the Church and the PPC. Yvonne has now left the Parish. Bella Warren has been co-opted as a HC representative on the PPC until the next AGM in 2026.

5. **Pastoral Report**

A Pastoral Report outlining what had been happening in the Parish for July and Sept 2025 was presented by Deacon Lawrence. Details are attached. The Glastonbury Pilgrimage took place on Sunday 7th of September with a total of 34 parishioners taking part. On the morning the rain was of biblical proportions, but the afternoon was dry and even the sun made an appearance. The parish Pilgrimage to the Cathedral has been booked for Thursday 2nd of October and will be advertised in the parish newsletter in the coming weeks. Preparations for the Confirmation programme (with a total of 19 candidates from CTK, HC and St Teresa's, Filton taking part) were in hand. The First Holy Communion Programme would commence early in the New Year. Maureen Cullimore who ran the FHC for many years has now stepped down and was very much thanked for her work. Katrina Novak and 3 catechists will run future programmes beginning with the 2025 programme. This will be advertised in the Parish and CTK School Newsletter in November. Opportunities for both churches to "Grow together in Faith" were continuing to be explored.

6. Finance and Property Report

Chris reported that there was nothing significant to report and finances were as well as expected for both parishes. Please see summary attached

CTK Following an appeal for help with maintenance work at CTK a good number of volunteers had come forward. Thank you to Graham Hunter for organising this and for other ongoing property developments, including repair work to the outside wall, which was in progress.

HC After much time, the former presbytery house had now been sold. Proceeds from the sale will now be held in a Diocesan interest-bearing account. Some remedial work at Holy Cross Church will be scheduled following a routine survey which we were asked to undertake at all churches within the Diocese (which includes our own at Holy Cross and CTK).

7. CTK School Update

Please see the update report attached. The first school mass of the year would be held on the 3rd of October to celebrate Harvest. A request for Volunteer readers at the school from Parishioners was received.

8. Safeguarding Update

Frances advised that there were no safeguarding issues during the period and that there are 23 DBS registered Parishioners involved in various activities, with 3 pending renewals. The recently updated Safeguarding information on the parish website was welcomed, and all were encouraged to take a look at this.

9. Certificate in Catechesis

Sarah Adams from the Diocesan Adult Education Department ran several Pastoral Information Sessions in June and July. CTK hosted one of these sessions on Wednesday 9th July.

Sarn and Cecilie Bradshaw attended the Information Session and have registered for the 2-year Certificate in Catechesis (focusing on adults). The course has only just begun and both shared verbal feedback of the programme run by the Dominican Sisters. Both are enjoying the course and feel it will benefit them immensely in their pastoral work thereafter.

10. Christ the King Weekend

This year we celebrate the 100th year since the institution of the Feast of Christ the King by Pope Pius XI in 1925. All parishioners from both Holy Cross and Christ the King will be invited to come and share in the celebrations which will take place over the **weekend of the 22nd and 23rd November**.

11. AOB

Jill Pollard asked whether it would be possible to encourage children who can play a musical instrument to take part during the 10:30 Mass at CTK on the 23rd.

12. Date of next meeting

The next PPC meeting will be at 7:00pm on Tuesday 18th November at Christ the King Church.

13. Closing Prayer

Deacon Kinglsey finished the meeting with the closing prayer.