



St Michael and All Angels, Ledbury

Minutes of Standing Committee – 1 September 2025

Present: Keith Hilton-Turvey (Rector)
Catherine Beech (Churchwarden)
David Houghton (Churchwarden)
Andrew Beech
Stephen Cheetham

955. The meeting opened with Psalm 85 and prayer.

Minutes of the meeting on 7 July

956. These were agreed unanimously.

Volunteering

957. The volunteer survey had been issued.

958. Three volunteers had come forward to help with the AV and sound equipment. More were needed.

Action: Churchwardens

Finance

959. The meeting considered a finance report from the treasurer. Giving remained well below budget. Whilst expenditure also remained low, this was because of underspending on maintenance and would not continue. Stephen will ensure that church investments are thoroughly documented, and available to the church leadership. It was noted that the repairs to the organ were under way.

Action: Stephen Cheetham

960. Stephen will circulate instructions on how to reset the card reader, which fails very often.

Action: Stephen Cheetham

Fabric

Permanent heating solution

961. A suitable second-hand boiler had been found and could be installed for £30-40,000. Whilst some details of this remained to be settled, the PCC will be asked to approve that an emergency faculty be applied for, and that, subject to this being granted, the boiler be installed. It was hoped that it could be operational by the end of October.

Upper room floor

962. A faculty had been applied for.

Roof valley repairs and spire

963. Matthew Vaughan (inspecting architect) will seek to encourage Paul Tank to carry out the roof work. Otherwise an alternative contractor will be found.

Organ repair

964. The work was expected to commence within the next week or so, and last for two months. Some cupboards and the vestry table will be moved into the Chapter House for the duration.

Action: Various

Signage

965. The joiner was expected to inspect the noticeboard shortly.

Action: Andrew Beech

Safeguarding

966. Keith reported on a course on the DBS procedures that he had attended. Andrew will circulate the slides to members of the PCC.

Action: Andrew Beech

967. Hereford diocese will contact anyone affected by the recent data leak affecting some DBS applicants.

Other business

968. Stephen Cheetham will set up a dedicated email account for the office, to receive general enquiries. He will also seek to establish why David Houghton has been unable to access the "churchwardens" email address.

Action: Stephen Cheetham

Dates for 2026

969. It was agreed that the Standing Committee will meet on 5 January, 2 March, 4 May, 6 July, 7 September and 2 November 2026.

Date of next meeting

970. The next meeting will be at 8.00pm on 3 November at The Croft, Woodleigh Road.

The meeting closed at 8.49 pm with prayer.