



All Saints' Church

Preston on Tees

Minutes of the PCC Meeting on Monday 22 October 2018,

19.30 at 22 Dunottar Avenue, Eaglescliffe, TS16 0AB

	Present	Action
	<p>Kay Adeboye, Paul Arnold, Debbie Bunford, Lucy Falcus, Lawrence Gnanaraj, Simon Honeywell, Martin Howard, Kathie Lambert, Stuart Levin, John Littlehailes, Richard Spratt, Pamela Rushton, Margaret Vaughan, Nicola Wrightson. Visitors: Jan and Chris Peters. <u>Chair:</u> John Lambert.</p>	
1	<p>Opening Reflections and Prayer Pamela Rushton asked us to tell our next-door neighbour what was our priority as Christians. She spoke of the great commission, pointing out that He asked even those who doubted to bring to others the message of the Gospel, and Good News to all creation. How do we fulfil as a church the Great Commission? The Gideons are a prime example of those who do so. She told of a woman who through her reading of a children's Gideon Bible heard a word of God bringing her to faith. Our role is to bring people to Jesus. Now we are to tell the person to whom we spoke earlier how we personally do this and how well our church does. We then moved to general prayer for the church and for what we do in evangelism.</p>	
2	<p>Children's and Families Ministry Jan Peters had sent to the PCC some papers for pre-reading. She quoted as her starting point Matthew 19.14 and Proverbs 22.6. To bring children, starting very young, into learning in a spiritual atmosphere. <u>Vision Statement.</u> "We wish to bring children to strengthen them in faith. We now have a generation who have never been exposed to Christianity: have no idea what we mean when we talk of God as a Father. For the children within the church we help them to come together finding friendship. She talked of the outreach into the community. She talked of the urgency of getting help to children early. <u>Strategically,</u> Sowing Reaping and Keeping areas. The Reaping and Keeping she sees as the whole church's responsibility. Sowing 1 is the general teaching about God. Sowing 2 is deeper and moves to sharing the content of the gospels. Sowing 3, invitation to deeper understanding. <u>Objectives.</u> She is learning about Church Suite. Scripture Union has been an advisor about a specifically Christian game, Guardians of Ancora, based on biblical stories, (done 6 of the initial 7 weeks) and have helped with the sessions. The majority of the children has persevered, though there have been practical issues to resolve. Jan will be considering how to continue with a schools' ministry from January. A review of Messy Church has been completed. The church was full for the Christmas service for the schools. The Life Exhibition bringing schools (8) and 350 children was run for the second</p>	

	<p>time. Children coming in hear about the way we worship, find it very different to their imaginings and often to what their parents believe. The Toddler group builds relationships with the children and their parents. Jan told two stories. “We have a Grandma who said that she had been to children’s work as a youngster, and that she has been transformed by the recognition of how it has changed. An Irish Protestant man has come into church having learned about the nature of our services, after searching around for a church in which to worship with his two children, and visiting the Toddler Group”.</p> <p>She showed a delightful video of Messy Church. First time spent doing crafts on spiritually oriented projects, including a prayer tree and painting wall, then a period devoted to the Gospel and Bible stories and action songs and finally a meal together.</p> <p>There was then a short period devoted to questions.</p> <p>How do we see the transition for children from the time coming with parents? Do children go and then return? Jan would like to run a regular club from age 5 or 6. She asked for prayer for this idea. Could we use Church Suite to keep in contact with them and bring them back later? This is being investigated already: it seems eminently possible and Paul and Jan are researching and studying how to do this. Jan already sends out reminders about Messy Church and about other events to those who have agreed to be contacted.</p> <p>John and others prayed for Jan and for Chris and this was followed by applause for Jan’s presentation and ministry.</p>	
3	<p>Apologies for Absence Sue Levan, Ian Taylor, David Warren.</p>	
4	<p>Minutes of previous Meetings Minutes of the meeting of 17 September 2018 were approved. All in favour save three abstentions.</p>	
5	<p>Correspondence None.</p>	
6	<p>Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere on the Agenda) Sandra’s hours as agreed were not reflected in the final job description: 11 hours each not 12 and 10 hours respectively as in the minutes. The hours were changed both were to come to the Staff Meeting. We have had one application, interview tomorrow, Tuesday 23rd: the candidate is someone from within the church.</p>	
7	<p>Financial Update Kathie Lambert spoke to the document she had circulated, and asked for questions. The training budget is overspent, and we shall reduce the training programme for some things; if we have the money we should spend it on worthwhile training. There was a question about the money specifically given for the Youth Rooms: it went into the Youth Accounts, it has been ring-fenced, but the PCC was reassured that it will be held solely</p>	

	<p>for the desired purpose. In general, we do not encourage the giving of money for very specific purposes, and this will be talked of at the Annual Meeting. Thanks were given to Kathie for the hard work she continues to devote to the finances of the church. It was suggested that we appoint another Deputy Treasurer from within the PCC. This will be discussed, perhaps at the January PCC.</p>	
8	<p>Safeguarding Nicola Wrightson has given talks to the Youth Groups about her role and tasks. They were very well received. The possible use of a Code of Conduct with reference to the Social Media was discussed, with the aim of getting rid of bullying and other difficult aspects. An earlier incident revealed some months ago to the PCC is now nearing closure. Thanks were given to Nicola, especially since so early in her tenure she has dealt so well with a difficult situation.</p>	
9	<p>Wardens' Update Martin Howard talked of the routine maintenance, and said that we would probably have a new tenant in the lower flat. Proposed that we should buy a condensing dryer for the flat to reduce moisture in the air. Agreed.</p>	
10	<p>Budget 2019 Kathie Lambert talked about the budget paper she had presented to the PCC. Sandra has asked for a budget for Sozo books and training: there are already budgets for these, so she will be told about these and perhaps be given a share of the existing budgets. There was discussion of the level of the training budget: it was agreed that the budget should be raised to £1,500. Looking ahead, we were asked if we needed to have a budget for St. Pauls and the work ahead for the church planting. It was pointed out that we should put some money aside for the potential failure of our 10 year-old inverter for the solar panels. Kathie will bring the modified budget to the November PCC.</p>	Kathie Lambert
11	<p>Mission Giving Sue Levan was unable to attend, but had sent to the PCC a paper describing the proposed donations. The meeting thought this a good and diverse set of ministries, and its adoption was proposed from the chair: all in favour. Prayer was given for those who are working in these ministries, and that the monies bring them not only financial benefit but the knowledge that there are others contributing to and praying for their ministries. The PCC then did pray for them in thanks for their work.</p>	Sue Levan
12	<p>REACH Richard Spratt presented the accounts for the REACH project. Phase 1 came in within the budget. £6,500 will be being paid out to the contractors as a final reimbursement, since there has been no claim on these monies, as agreed by the PCC some months ago. Heating: the specification and siting of the radiators (normal domestic style) for the Phase 1.5 were mapped out for the PCC. Three quotations came back: Mottram and Mellor £45,500, GasNE £31,000, Nigel Stoves £29,000 (each of these ex VAT). Nigel Stoves has a good reputation, and it was</p>	

	<p>suggested that we place this contract with him. Proposed from the Chair “That the PCC approve the sum of £35,000 including VAT for the boiler renewal as per the presented plan. All in Favour.</p> <p>Our application for a faculty failed to get to the DAC meeting for which we had provided information, and we must now await the next DAC on 6 November before we can move forward, which means perhaps that we cannot move forward as soon as planned.</p> <p>Phases 2 and 4. Highways have objected to our plans on the grounds of insufficient parking for the enhanced seating and potential café. We have an extension to end-November for the application. The parking survey (on a wet day) showed that there were about 1/3 parked in the church car park, 1/3 in the immediate area of the church and 1/3 other parking. We should with care be able to park in various other streets around us, and we can also use available parking within properties owned by members of the congregations. We shall be working on this and resubmit a statement of needs to make the best possible case for the further phases.</p> <p>Phase 3: we shall next develop the Phase 3 (internal to the church, and therefore needing only faculties) and go to contractors for quotes. The architect’s fees for the designs and for managing the project would be 8% of the final phase 3; of the order of £8-10,000, to be charged when the work is completed.</p> <p>The PCC had been informed in the past that Phase 3 would be handled next, before 2 and 4, but it was felt that a formal approval would be desirable. Proposed by Richard Spratt, seconded by Martin Howard “That we prioritise Phase 3 and agree to David Beaumont’s involvement as above, including the management of Phase 3.” All in favour, save 1 abstention.</p>	<p>REACH Team</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>Karen Killick volunteered for the Opening Reflections and Prayers at the next Meeting, Monday, 19 November 2018, and the Meeting closed with prayer.</p>	