



All Saints' Church

Preston on Tees

Minutes of the PCC Meeting on Monday 19 February 2018,
19.30 at 22 Dunottar Avenue, Eaglescliffe, TS16 0AB

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| | <p>Kay Adeboye, Jennifer Brown, Lucy Falcus, Lawrence Gnanaraj, Simon Honeywell, Martin Howard, Karen Killick, Kathie Lambert, Sue Levan, Stuart Levin, John Littlehailes, Sarah Pocock, Pamela Rushton, Richard Spratt, Ian Taylor, Margaret Vaughan, David Warren.</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> John Lambert</p> | |
| 1 | <p>Opening Reflections and Prayer</p> <p>Sue Levan read from Philippians Ch. 1 v 3 to v5. She spoke of partnership, especially of financial and prayer support for our mission partners, and secondly, how sure Paul is that the good work will be carried to completion: both in us and in the work ongoing in the in the church. All of this depends on God's action. Whenever we feel down we must remember that He is working in our lives and hold on to that, for strength and encouragement. The PCC then prayed along this theme, giving thanks to the Lord for his working in us and through us. Thanking God, too for the joy there is for us in our working alongside others throughout the world both those we do not know and others like our mission partners, and praying for a flowering of Christianity throughout the world. We prayed, too, for help in our work during the evening.</p> | |
| 2 | <p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>None.</p> | |
| 3 | <p>Minutes of Previous Meetings</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting of 15 January were approved, with three abstentions for absence.</p> | John Littlehailes |
| 4 | <p>Correspondence</p> <p>None.</p> | |
| 5 | <p>Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere)</p> <p>100,000 people signed a petition for Steven to be allowed to stay in this country. He was questioned for 2.5 hours about his Christianity, some of it at a trivial level. The Home Office is expected to come to a conclusion during this week though the result will not be known immediately.</p> | |
| 6 | <p>Financial Update</p> <p>The giving is a little low, but this seems to be due to money for January being given during December. The Standing Orders are up, some envelopes are yet to be opened, and the Gift Aid is yet to be claimed, so the income is about on target. The spending is a little up, but this seems to be a familiar pattern, with costs higher in January: some payments fall in January but covering payments over a period. Overall, we are in a positive position. Thanks were given to God for His goodness to us.</p> | Kathie Lambert |
| 7 | <p>Safeguarding</p> | |

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| | <p>C1 training can now be done online, and while many can now be filled in at home, some will have to be arranged through the church. Jennifer is giving up the role of Safeguarding in April, and she is looking for a successor. She described her task. There is no requirement for special legal knowledge, but there is a demand for immediate action if an issue arises: there is a lot of help available through the diocese. John thanked her for her work, and he suggested that anyone who feels called to pick up the reins should talk to her or to Karen Killick.</p> <p>There has been no item demanding her attention during the past month.</p> | Jennifer Brown |
| 8 | <p>Wardens' Update</p> <p>This has been a month of pressure generated by the building project. For the next stage we will have the opportunity, given experience acquired during phase 1, to plan a clearer path to follow.</p> | Karen Killick |
| 9 | <p>REACH</p> <p>Phase one will be finished soon. There have been some "surprises" including the need for a gas supply greater than we use at present. This will be resolved at a cost of £350. The proposed two boilers will be put in in the summer if all goes well. We have had to rewire the phase 1 area. We expect our expenditure to be down from the originally quoted £58,000 by about £1,500 + VAT. Regulations now demand that fire alarm cables be visible (so that they may be readily inspected), and this will be an additional cost. We shall require a faculty for the re-organisation of the heating, which will require assent from the PPC, perhaps at the next meeting.</p> <p>Jennifer Brown is doing some market research for the proposed café in phase 2.</p> <p>As a part of the whole process the diocese must be reassured that the space in the chancel will be appropriate, and spiritually uplifting: work to this end is in hand.</p> | |
| 10 | <p>Mission Giving</p> <p>Sue Levan presented the proposals from the Mission Group. The Moses project has been added (Christian outreach to drug addicts for their rehabilitation). Proposed that the PCC adopt the proposed list. Seconded by Martin Howard, Passed with one abstention.</p> | Sue Levan |
| 11 | <p>Health and Safety</p> <p>Karen Killick will bring the final paper to the PCC next month, including the Staff comments.</p> | Karen Killick |
| 12 | <p>MDT Update</p> <p>To be brought to the next meeting.</p> | John Lambert |
| 13 | <p>Deanery Synod</p> <p>Margaret Vaughan reported that the January Deanery Synod had met at Stockton Parish Church, opening exuberant worship had been led by one of their newly formed choirs using worship songs from the African church. The representatives of Upper Skerne (Sedgefield, Fishburn and the Trimdons) had been welcomed as this team is now part of Stockton Deanery. The main item had been each parish reflecting on Advent and Christmas worship and events. Across the Deanery most parishes reported an increase in</p> | |

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| | attendance. A wide variety of activities had been put on. St Mary's Norton had run put on a Christmas/Advent window event along the High Street during December culminating in a very well attended service on the Green. The Parish Church had trialled running films on an afternoon to attract those who are lonely. A number of parishes had run Christmas day lunches. | |
| 14 | <p>Church Suite</p> <p>Martin Howard said that Church Suite is now installed. The team is next working to get all the children's information gathered. E-mail invitations to join Church Suite were sent to 190 people. So far 81 people have logged in and registered. A reminder will go out to those not logged on. In a few weeks' time the group will produce a printout of the information held for any remaining people to sign, and their signatures will then be kept filed. Church Suite have updated their system to allow for the latest requirements of the law. The process for rotas is now well under way. Martin described further developments which will follow. A question was raised as to how to bring a partner onto a site, as well as their children. There was discussion of the visibility of contacts' details, and about the use of an e-mail system. Access to rotas was also discussed. Martin will investigate these issues with Church Suite.</p> | Martin Howard |
| 15 | <p>PCC 2018/2019</p> <p>John Lambert asked who might be standing for the next PCC. One member will not be standing next year.</p> | All |
| 15 | <p>AOB</p> <p>Lucy Falcus volunteered to provide the Opening Reflections and Prayers at the next meeting, Monday, 19 March 2018.</p> <p>The meeting finished with the Grace.</p> | Lucy Falcus |