



All Saints' Church

Preston on Tees

**Minutes of the PCC Meeting on Tuesday 12 May 2015,
19.30 at 22 Dunottar Avenue, Eaglescliffe, TS16 0AB**

	Present	Action
	<p>Kay Adeboye, Jennifer Brown, Lucy Falcus, Mark Harrison, Simon Honeywell, Martin Howard, Karen Killick, Jenny Lewis, John Littlehailes, Stuart Main, Bruce Merrick, Sarah Pocock, Pam Rushton, Richard Spratt, Margaret Vaughan, David Warren.</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> John Lambert</p>	
1	<p>Opening Reflections and Prayers</p> <p>Mark Harrison talked of "Building a Church Family" in the light of his recent experience within his family of the birth of a child: each member of the family was changed by the birth. He read from Ruth 4.8 about Boaz being led by God to the risky choice of a foreigner to marry, and buying the property of Naomi's former husband; led by God in that this was the start of the Jesse's line (Boaz' grandson) which led to Jesus. He read too, Psalm 68,.4-6, portraying God as a father to the fatherless: he wants to build a family, saving those alone with no one to turn to. There are lonely in the church and community, and it is up to the church to find them and provide a family for them.</p> <p>The PCC then prayed about the issues raised.</p>	
2	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Charlotte Benjamin.</p> <p>John Lambert welcomed the new members of the PCC.</p>	
3	<p>Approval of minutes of the meeting of 23 March and 19 April 2015</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of 23 March were approved with a correction to the spelling of Kay Adeboye's name. 4 Abstentions due to absence, otherwise all in favour.</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of 19 April were approved after a correction to the date of the next Standing Committee. 1 Abstention, all others in favour.</p> <p>John Littlehailes to ensure that Sandra Griffiths receives these documents for display in the foyer.</p>	John Littlehailes
4	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Stuart Main reported that a letter has been received from Bishop Paul about Parish Share for the next year. This will be discussed at the next PCC. John Littlehailes to send the documents to the members of the PCC for them to consider.</p>	John Littlehailes
5	<p>Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the agenda</p> <p>5.1 Parking in the neighbouring streets will be free from restriction after the car park is finished. The waivers for residents should continue to be used until then. The car park will demand payment: this may provide problems, and the restrictions may be reimposed.</p> <p>5.2 The work on 558B is approaching completion. The internal work is virtually</p>	

	<p>complete. Some exterior work remains to be done. Jenny Lewis is approaching another contractor.</p> <p>The new rental price will be £360 per month: there is already a single woman who wishes to occupy it at this price.</p>	Jenny Lewis
6	<p>Safeguarding</p> <p>Karen Killick reported that she has had no issues raised for her attention this month. She will be going on a training course on Saturday 26 September. One matter being discussed within the church concerns the transfer of responsibility from the Children's' Ministry back to their parents after the end of services. Concern was also expressed about the safety of children in the foyer, with comparatively easy access into the car park.</p>	
7	<p>Financial Update</p> <p>Stuart Main, our new treasurer reported that the income for the previous month was up by £2000. Expenditure would have been significantly up, due to spending on 558B, but was offset by the payment to us of an Employment Allowance, with £1,500 being credited to us. (Next quarter a further £481 will be credited.) The net effect of this was a surplus of £2,100 for the month. Prayers of thanks were given for this blessing on our church.</p>	
8	<p>Mission Giving</p> <p>Bruce Merrick presented to the PCC the proposed list of recipients of our tithed giving from our voluntary income. Gifts of £8,000 were listed. Since the list was prepared Christian Aid have asked for a donation towards the Nepalese Earthquake crisis, and £200 has been sent to them.</p> <p>John Lambert pointed out that Dave Stedman would be here on Sunday to talk to the congregations about the APF, and a collection would be raised for "Let There Be Light", but as a separate donation to the Mission Giving sum.</p> <p>Proposed acceptance of this list: Richard Spratt Seconded: Martin Howard. Passed Unanimously</p>	Mission Giving Group
9	<p>MDT Report</p> <p>The MDT is currently looking at a succession of ministries, inviting leaders to come to discuss their ministry. Chris Peters reported on the puppet team, and the meeting is reported in the MDT report in the hands of the PCC. He will be talking to each of the congregations about the Puppet Team, as a part of a programme to keep us all aware of what is going on in the church. The Pastoral Care Team will be invited to report next.</p>	MDT
10	<p>Site Management</p> <p>Jenny Lewis spoke of concern that with an increasing number of hirings of space within the church and the growth of numbers of the congregations the increasing numbers of people on site especially at weekends and in evenings means more and more need to open/close the buildings in the evenings and for heavy lifting to provide for the needs of hirers. Gary will be leaving at the end of June, and Kirklevington will not be able to replace Gary as we would wish. We have responsibilities as the landlord, so must find a more robust system to handle all this.</p> <p>After some discussion of this it was agreed to bring this as a major item to the June meeting.</p>	John Littlehailes

<p>11</p>	<p>Legacy The church has been given £2000 as a legacy from Glatton Emerton. The accompanying letter gave us free rein, but did express a preference for a capital project. Richard Spratt has been thinking about a new audio/visual facility for the Centre, whose cost would probably exceed the legacies value. He was asked to bring a costed proposal to the next PCC, and Martin Howard offered to help with the proposal. It was suggested that the sound systems generally should have a maintenance budget of between £200 and £500.</p>	<p>Richard Spratt Martin Howard</p> <p>Stuart Main</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>Church layout The PCC walked through the church so that John Lambert could bring the new members up to speed with his feelings about the use of space within the building and ambitions for expansion, which he had discussed with the previous PCC.</p>	
<p>13</p>	<p>AOB 13.1 Kay Adeboye suggested that the PCC should mark in some way the time that Gary has spent with us. It was agreed that the Standing Committee should address this. In John Lambert’s absence Karen Killick, as Deputy Chair of the PCC, will lead the next Meeting on Monday June 15. Pam Rushton offered to lead the Reflection and Prayer section. The meeting ended in prayer.</p>	<p>Standing Committee</p>