



# All Saints' Church

Preston on Tees

**Minutes of the PCC Meeting on Monday 13 July 2015,  
19.30 at 22 Dunottar Avenue, Eaglescliffe, TS16 0AB**

	<b>Present</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>Kay Adeboye, Jennifer Brown, Lucy Falcus, Mark Harrison, Simon Honeywell, Martin Howard, Karen Killick, Jenny Lewis, John Littlehailes, Stuart Main, Sarah Pocock, Pam Rushton, Richard Spratt, Margaret Vaughan, David Warren. <u>Chair:</u> John Lambert.</p>	
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Opening Reflections and Prayers</b> Margaret Vaughan talked of the anomalous nature of the next six to eight weeks, when routine things stopped but other one-offs of great importance happened, and when what is for many a time of refreshment and refilling became for some a time of increased loneliness or hardship, with families struggling in the absence of school meals. She referred the PCC to the parable of the sower: the sower casts seed in many places, some inhospitable, but some with great reward. Many of the one-offs are chances to spread the word and there will be opportunities to help others towards faith. The PCC then split into groups of three and prayed about the time of sowing and for the sowers, and for those who will be lonely or in deprivation.</p>	
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b> Charlotte Benjamin, Bruce Merrick.</p>	
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Approval of minutes of the meeting of 15 June</b> The minutes of the meeting of 15 June were approved (after David Warren's name had been removed from those present) with three abstentions for absence.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b> A letter has been received from David Beaumont. While at All Saints' to discuss the quinquennial report he heard of the possible changes to the church layout of which the PCC has talked. He wrote to summarize both discussions, and commended the ideas for re-ordering. The PCC discussed the need to get both the DAC and the congregation involved early in the development of our thinking. The PCC was overwhelmingly for moving forward but with some reservations about detail.</p>	<b>John Lambert</b>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the agenda</b> 5.1 There is no progress to report on the use of the legacy from Glatton Emerton. 5.2 Parking restrictions: Jenny Lewis reported that the restrictions already in place will continue. While the Council cannot change the terms of the order (so as to allow freedom to park on Saturdays in Dunottar Avenue) the Traffic Wardens have been instructed to issue no tickets on Saturdays. We shall continue to apply for waivers when we have special events on Saturdays. A survey of parking in the new areas covered in their document has shown little</p>	<b>Richard Spratt</b>

	<p>excess parking, and the restrictions will <u>probably</u> not be applied to these streets.</p> <p>5.3 Margaret Vaughan told the PCC (in the light of our agreeing a rise of 3.5% to next year's Parish Share) that the average increase in the Share across the Deanery was 4 – 4.1%.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Financial Update</b></p> <p>Stuart Main reported a balanced month: that income to the end of June was above budget by £4,250, and expenditure also high by a very similar amount. 558b is now tenanted, so income from it will start to have an increasingly favourable impact. The net effect was a surplus of just over £4000 at the end of June.</p> <p>Stuart was thanked for his work, and praises were given to God for his generosity towards us.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Safeguarding</b></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. We have learned that Messy Church volunteers <u>do</u> have to be checked: this is in hand.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Site Management</b></p> <p>Jenny Lewis presented a paper (already circulated) about the situation arising from the loss of Gary's services. The church and the Centre are becoming more and more busy (Centre lettings are running at about £15,000 pa.) and we must soon put in place either a fully staffed voluntary system or a caretaker (it has not proved possible to replace Gary from Kirklevington). We could do without the cleaning service we have been using and use a caretaker to do this too, and various options were discussed by the PCC. Concerns were expressed about the management of a caretaker, something which we have not done well in the past. It was decided, unanimously, to head towards some variant of the caretaker role, and a group, comprising the Wardens, Margaret Vaughan, Pam Rushton and Martin Howard (to be convened by Jenny) will meet over the summer, bringing some proposals to the PCC at its September meeting.</p>	<b>Jenny Lewis</b>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Life Exhibition</b></p> <p>John Littlehailes asked the PCC to fund the Life Exhibition, so eloquently presented to them last month by Jan Peters.</p> <p><b>Proposed</b> by John Littlehailes "That the PCC provide the sum of £1,400 in order that we may bring the Life Exhibition to All Saints' next year".</p> <p><b>Seconded</b> by Stuart Main. <b>Carried</b> unanimously.</p>	
<b>10</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pam Rushton raised some heartfelt concerns about personnel matters: these were discussed, and the matters are in hand.</li> <li>2. John Littlehailes offered to lead the Reflections and Prayer at the start of the <b>next PCC on Monday 21 September</b>.</li> </ol> <p>The meeting finished with prayer.</p>	<b>John Littlehailes</b>