



# All Saints' Church

Preston on Tees

**Minutes of the PCC Meeting on Monday 15 June 2015,  
19.30 at 22 Dunottar Avenue, Eaglescliffe, TS16 0AB**

	<b>Present</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>Kay Adeboye, Charlotte Benjamin, Jennifer Brown, Mark Harrison, Simon Honeywell, Martin Howard, John Littlehailes, Stuart Main, Bruce Merrick, Sarah Pocock, Pam Rushton, Richard Spratt, Margaret Vaughan, Jan Peters (by invitation)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Karen Killick</p>	
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Opening Reflections and Prayers</b></p> <p>Pam Rushton talked of the need to rely on Christ rather than on our own rationality and intellect: in John 21 the fishermen, having fished from the conventional side of their boat without success, obeyed, against their own judgement, Christ's suggestion that they fish from the other side, and immediately had a huge haul. Pam illustrated this with various examples, and finished giving thanks to God and praying that the PCC should all be involved in the work, should be sensitive to his voice, and to be obedient and thus see God's plan working out.</p> <p>The PCC then split into groups of three and prayed about the issues raised.</p>	
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>John Lambert, Jenny Lewis, David Warren</p>	
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Approval of minutes of the meeting of 12 May</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of 12 May were approved with all in favour.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>Stuart Main reported that a letter has been received from Stockton Council saying that the restrictions on parking instated while the Station works were in progress will continue. The Council is considering extending these restrictions to various other streets in the immediate area. Various members of the PCC made suggestions as to the form that restrictions might take to minimize the impact on users of All Saints' premises: Stuart Main will be bringing these to the Council.</p>	<b>Jenny Lewis</b>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the agenda</b></p> <p>5.1 The group looking at the use of the legacy to the church from Glatton Emerton is awaiting a quotation for an AV system for the Centre: they are also exploring other quotes for this.</p>	<b>Richard Spratt</b>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Financial Update</b></p> <p>Stuart Main reported that income to the end of May was above budget by £4,500. Expenditure was above budget due to work on 558b, church gas usage being a bit higher than predicted and an annual cost to the Centre. The net effect was a surplus approaching £4,000 at the end of May.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Safeguarding</b></p> <p>Karen Killick reported that she has had no issues raised for her attention this</p>	

	<p>month. She will be going on a training course on Saturday 26 September. The issue of responsibility for the children after the services will be addressed by the use of 'signing sheets' for the parents from September. It was suggested that there be a message on the projector about the need for parents to collect their children.</p> <p>A mobile phone has been stolen during a service by an opportunist dropping in briefly. This emphasises the need for vigilance.</p>	<p><b>John Lambert</b></p>
8	<p><b>Parish Share, "Plan on a Page"</b></p> <p>Margaret Vaughan talked about the Parish Share system, and its main use as funding for clergy stipends, housing, and training.</p> <p>Bishop Paul picked up the task from Bishop Justin, and aims for increase in numbers, but in personal spirituality as well. Margaret outlined the thesis of the Plan-on-a-Page and its structure, drawing attention to the major issues of blessing our communities...in Jesus' name....for the transformation of all. In all of this intentionality is important: we need to plan intentionally, knowing that we will have forgiveness if we get it wrong. We have already moved from the old imposed system to a pledging process. We are at the point where it is no longer feasible to reduce clergy numbers any further, and to support them we shall have to raise the levels of giving. There is funding from the Centre, but this, too, will not arrive without our accountable input.</p> <p>Margaret finished by saying that the Parish Share should be second only to our Mission Giving in priority.</p> <p>The suggested level of increase has been set at 3% for 2016. There was extended discussion about the level we here should agree. No one was happy, in the light of our current increase in giving, to stick to 3%.</p> <p><b>Proposed by Margaret Vaughan</b> "This PCC pledges that to give, in 2016, an increase of 3½% (as a minimum) on the Share of 2015 and will review this number as part of the budgeting process for 2016 later this year."</p> <p><b>Seconded by Stuart Main. Passed without dissent or abstention.</b></p>	<p><b>Stuart Main</b></p>
9	<p><b>Site Management</b></p> <p>John Littlehailes pointed out that this was to be an item on this month's Agenda, but in the absence of Jenny Lewis it will be held over until July.</p>	<p><b>John Littlehailes</b></p>
10	<p><b>PCC Representative</b></p> <p>At the first meeting of the new PCC it was pointed out that there was a place on the Standing Committee for a representative of the PCC other than the officials. The members went away to consider whether they wished to pick up this role. None has opted to take up the role, and none came forward at the meeting. It was suggested that if anyone came, after further consideration to the conclusion that they would like to do so, they should contact Karen Killick or John Littlehailes.</p>	
11	<p><b>The 'Life' Exhibition</b></p> <p>Jan Peters spoke eloquently to the PCC about a travelling exhibition, aimed at Primary School children, but of value to many others, which is a multi-medium account of, the life of Jesus. It operates for a whole week and represents an opportunity for the whole area. They have been invited to come in June next year, the first available slot, and Jan will be approaching the schools in the</p>	

	<p>whole of the Stockton area to involve them. There will be a need for a team of eight to run it at any given time.</p> <p>Jan showed the PCC a DVD issued by the organisation: <a href="http://lifeexpo.co.uk">lifeexpo.co.uk</a>.</p>	
<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Margaret Vaughan spoke about the approach by HMRC to various signatories to Gift Aid declarations within the parish. Some Gift Aid has had to be returned to HMRC. She reinforced the message that she and Stuart Main are available for consultation by parishioners who have been approached.</li> <li>2) Pam Rushton thanked to PCC for its continuing support for the seated exercise, and told of two people who had come to her in appreciation of it and of the message she is putting to them.</li> <li>3) Stuart Main asked the PCC to support Bram and Brooke for Soul Survivor. The cost would be £228 in total. The PCC agreed to this.</li> <li>4) Margaret Vaughan offered to lead the Reflections and Prayer at the start of the <b>next PCC on Monday 13 July</b>.</li> </ol>	