



# All Saints' Church

Preston on Tees

**Minutes of the PCC Meeting on Monday 16 February 2015,  
19.30 at 22 Dunottar Avenue, Eaglescliffe, TS16 0AB**

	<b>Present</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>Terry Doyle, Gill Clayton, Lucy Falcus, Mark Harrison, Karen Killick, Jenny Lewis, John Littlehailes, Stuart Main, Bruce Merrick, Sarah Pocock, Pam Rushton, Margaret Vaughan, David Warren, Jennifer Brown (Visitor). <u>Chair:</u> John Lambert</p>	
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Opening Reflections and Prayers</b> Stuart Main noted that among the “yearnings” on the sheets in church was one saying “Vision from the top, not the bottom”. His first reaction was that we all should share the vision, all have a contribution to make. Then he reflected that the vision should indeed come from the top: from God. No position in the church makes one more likely to hear from God, but unless the vision <u>is</u> from God it is not valid. He noted, too, that there were comments about meeting the needs of the spiritually and emotionally poor as well as those of the economically poor. We should pray for the needs of all members of the community, not knowing from a distance the poverty which may affect those around us. The PCC divided into three groups for prayer: prayer about the vision and the need for God’s guidance and prayer for those in need around us.</p>	
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b> None.</p>	
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of 19 January 2014</b> The minutes of the meeting of 19 January, after amendment of section 6.1 devoted to Safeguarding, were approved with one abstention for absence.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b> Bruce Merrick has received a letter from Alan Farish about the “Try Praying” initiative, describing the Stockton Parish Church’s participation, and asking the PCC about various sponsorships. The matter was deferred until the March Meeting, to give the PCC time to consider a response.</p>	<b>John Littlehailes</b>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising not covered elsewhere in the agenda</b> 5.1 Karen Killick asked for clarification of the share of the Children’s work budget spent on Messy Church. Of £2,500, £1,400 was spent on Messy Church. 5.2 Mark Harrison presented to the PCC the amended Policy Document Pol_11.02, Working at Heights. It was accepted by the PCC without dissent. pricing.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Safeguarding</b> Karen Killick reported that no issue had arisen in the previous month.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Financial Update</b> Terry Doyle described the Year End Accounts for 2014. We have a surplus of £10,000. He went on to say that there is a contribution, not yet clear, from the</p>	

	<p>solar panel payments, but this will not be very different to the estimate he has made.</p> <p>Terry then reported on the year-to-date. At the end of January expenditure exceeded the budget by about £1,500 (£12K v. £13.5K). This was simply the consequence of the way the budget was split by months, and not a worry. It was noted that the Konika Minolta photocopier must go back: Stuart Main has this in hand.</p>	<b>Terry Doyle</b>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Treasurer's Post</b></p> <p>Terry Doyle will be stepping down as treasurer at the APCM: as yet no candidate has accepted the role for the coming year. There was discussion about possibly having a Treasurer who was not a member of the PCC, reporting regularly, but not in person. This was felt by many members not to be satisfactory, but that the book keeping could be hived off, with a Treasurer responsible to the PCC and presenting and discussing the figures. Margaret Vaughan and Terry Doyle will speak to a possible candidate about such division of the work and the relationship to the PCC. John Lambert will speak to another candidate. The PCC then prayed for God's guidance for them and for a prospective candidate.</p>	<b>Terry Doyle</b> <b>Margaret Vaughan</b>  <b>John Lambert</b>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Changes in Deanery Organisation</b></p> <p><b>Lucy Falcus</b> outlined the "Loose Team" concept now being favoured by the Deanery, and after some discussion proposed "That this PCC commends the concept of a 'loose team' Ministry for the South and West Locality and requests the Deanery Mission and Pastoral Committee to bring forward a scheme for the consideration of each of the PCCs."</p> <p>The motion was seconded by <b>Stuart Main</b> and carried unanimously.</p>	
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Boiler Financing</b></p> <p>We have costs for various boiler options. We have some money set aside, and it was agreed that we should top up this money periodically. <b>John Lambert</b> proposed from the chair that the PCC transfer £3,000 from the surplus of last year to a designated heating fund. <b>Carried</b> unanimously.</p>	<b>Terry Doyle</b>
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Future of Building</b></p> <p>John Lambert talked briefly about the suggestion made by Rob Pepper and more recently by Jennifer Brown of filling in the gap between the Library and the Coffee Lounge with a structure to provide a space for a drop-in area.</p>	
<b>12</b>	<p><b>Week of Prayer and Fasting</b></p> <p>Mark Harrison drew the PCC's attention to the fan-fold description of the events and issues for the week of 22-28 February, and described the way in which the week would happen.</p>	
<b>13</b>	<p><b>PCC Membership</b></p> <p>With at least two members of the PCC choosing not to stand again there are five or six places open for new candidates. Three people are already seriously considering standing, and others will be approached during the coming weeks.</p>	
<b>14</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>The present tenant in 558b is moving on. There is a number of jobs to be completed before the flat is fit to be let again, and it was agreed that the</p>	

	<p>Standing Committee would have a ceiling of £750 towards bringing the flat up to date without the need to return to the PCC.</p> <p>The next PCC will meet Monday, 23 March 2015, and Bruce Merrick agreed to lead the period of reflection and prayer at the start.</p>	<p><b>Stuart Main</b></p>
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