



All Saints' Church

Preston on Tees

**Minutes of the PCC Meeting on Tuesday 17 July 2018,
19.30 at 22 Dunottar Avenue, Eaglescliffe, TS16 0AB**

	Present	Action
	<p>Paul Arnold, Debbie Bunford, Lucy Falcus, Lawrence Gnanaraj, Simon Honeywell, Martin Howard, Kathie Lambert, Stuart Levin, John Littlehailes, Pamela Rushton, Ian Taylor, David Warren, Nicola Wrightson, Margaret Vaughan.</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> John Lambert.</p>	
1	<p>Opening Reflections and Prayer</p> <p>Margaret Vaughan reflected on the behaviour of Gareth Southgate during the recent World Cup. This led her to think about leaders in the body of the PCC as Summer approaches, the meetings die away and there is time to reflect. Margaret picked Proverbs 16, especially v16 – 33. The members of the PCC read verses in turn, and then turned to prayer, in small groups, about leadership based on these verses.</p>	
2	<p>Report on Youth Ministry</p> <p>Kathryn Belmont spoke to the PCC about her work within the ministry to the Young People. She is involved in eight assemblies per month, reaching 650 young people. The Hub is a meeting at Tuesday lunchtimes supporting Christians. Doulos is a youth leadership programme (a three-year course for youngsters across Teesside). Monday nights there is a boys' group run by Tim Wye-Williams. On Fridays a ten-minute period of teaching is followed by a time of socialising. On Tuesdays a group engages in deep discussion of Christian faith. Supported by the congregation a group went to Soul Survivor. Two midweek Life Groups; the older group looking at "Everyday Miracles" Christ and the younger looking at handling emotions in Christian way. Young people want to get out of their comfort zone, and are learning to share their faith publicly. Time is spent in a Café Church in Costa in Yarm once a month. Visitors from across Teesside (and even someone from Whitley Bay!) come to the Refresh services, where they heard recently a very strong sermon from Annie Watson. The sixth trip to Mexico took place this past year. It involved a group from Egglecliffe School (not specifically Christian) with many conversations about Christianity right from the beginning: one girl has started coming to church for the first time. The school is also making its own trip this coming year. They have had many applications immediately, and they will be having the normal meeting each evening.</p> <p>The group has been praying about a five-year vision: Kathryn wants to guide youth through the complexities of their modern life, and to help young people to become life-long followers of Jesus. The ministry will now be known as All Saints' Youth rather than Choose Life. Kathryn showed us the areas of focus for the next years: building up young people, helping them to</p>	

	<p>discipleship, to leadership and to create plantings. The Youth Room is going to be remodelled, a café style room, where people should walk in and feel at home. She showed her ideal plan, including a projector onto a wall for general use. She talked about her future plans as outlined on the scheme she sent to the PCC. There will be an immediate effort at creating life groups. Leading a discipleship year for suitable youngsters to become future youth pastors and of course other roles. Balance is needed between the ordinary and the huge project. God will provide for the huge project! Kathryn has a lot in hand, and she needs some others to take some of the responsibility for the future programmes. She asked that we pray for her work.</p> <p>(Her notes have been circulated to the PCC).</p> <p>The PCC was most appreciative of her contribution to the work of the church, and is supportive of her efforts.</p>	
3	<p>Apologies for Absence Kay Adeboye, Sue Levan, Richard Spratt.</p>	
4	<p>Minutes of previous Meetings Minutes of the meeting of 18 June 2018 were approved, two abstentions with none against.</p>	John Littlehailes
5	<p>Correspondence Letter from Bishop Paul: the PCC agreed to send £50 as a donation to Bishop Mark's retirement gift from the diocese. Ecclesiastical Insurers have given us a donation of £130 after we were nominated by one of their users. Street parking: the Council has said they will improve the sizing of the parking bays locally to allow more parking.</p>	
6	<p>Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere) None.</p>	
7	<p>Safeguarding Nicola Wrightson said that the allegation regarding the social media safeguarding incident leaves, for us, a responsibility and obligation to ensure we have a robust system in place. This is something we are now working towards. The individual involved will undergo a process of mentoring to help respect boundaries. Nicola has found a locking cabinet for the storage of confidential documents in the office. The PCC agreed its purchase.</p>	Nicola Wrightson
8	<p>Wardens' Update Painting the outside of the church flats has been quoted at £260 and for the church building £480 by John Carr. These sums were approved by the PCC.</p>	Karen Killick
9	<p>Financial Update A new deal is being started with British Gas from 1 October. There is some confusion about the identity of the individual accounts which will be resolved. There are accounts which are widely variable over the year: perhaps these deserve separate lines in the budget.</p>	

	The Parish Giving Scheme: a visit to inform the PCC about the system will happen in January if there is no clash with the Synod.	Kathie Lambert
10	<p>Card Payments</p> <p>Church Suite has the option of payments using cards. 2.4% + 20p per transaction. This is a cheap version of the system. It will also be available for other transactions within the church. An alternative was proposed using a card reader: there were further questions about other alternatives. Further research will be carried out.</p>	Martin Howard
11	<p>REACH</p> <p>At present £186,000 is pledged to the project overall, furthermore, there are £14,000 of loans, so essentially £200,000 was available at the start of the project. By the end of the year approximately £142,000 was in hand: (£60,150 plus £800 spent). After the collapse of Devlin Walker we agreed to pay an additional £12,560, and have paid £7,956 towards phases 2,3,4. We have now spent in all £80,944. We thus have just over £100,000 available towards future expenditure.</p> <p>The planned spend is about £380,000. We have, as yet, raised no money from outside sources.</p> <p>Bats: we understand that we have done enough to allow us to go for planning permission, though this is still to be confirmed.</p> <p>Doors: the external doors are being glazed next week, this will take three days, during which time the doorway will be boarded up, and inaccessible. The internal doors have been planed down and are completed. Cupboards for the Narthex have been purchased; those for the new room will be delivered on Thursday. A "Flat Pack Party" has been organised on Saturday afternoon for their installation. The cost of the cupboards is less than was postulated for the original scheme.</p> <p>The Office has been re-organised.</p> <p>The toilets are almost complete.</p> <p>Heating: we now have three firm quotes. The best, a quote from Nigel Stoves will fall within £40,000 to be funded with £30,000 from the REACH budget plus £10,000 reserved for this purpose from the sum reserved within the general funds.</p> <p>An external temperature sensor would cost a few hundred pounds: there was a question as to the effectiveness of such systems.</p> <p>After discussion it was proposed by Martin Howard that we should apply for a faculty based on the current quote for replacing and relocating the current boilers and replacing radiators and pipework to allow control of different sections of the church heating. Seconded by Stuart Levin. All in favour.</p>	Martin Howard
12	<p>AOB</p> <p>Karen Killick has had a generous offer of payment for the refurbishment of the Youth Room. The whole project would comprise £5,000. Phase 1 redecorating and replacing the blinds has been costed at just under £1,000. With additional sockets this will come to £1,500. Phase 2 will come to about</p>	

	<p>£1,000. Phase 3, a projector, £1,700 to £2,000. Phase 4 £1,000 for a pool table. Karen asked for approval of the first stage (to be finished by the end of August). Proposed by Karen Killick, seconded Martin Howard. All in favour.</p> <p>John Lambert offered to provide the Opening Reflections and Prayers at the next meeting: Monday 17 September 2018.</p>	<p>Karen Killick</p> <p>John Lambert</p>
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