



All Saints' Church

Preston on Tees

**Minutes of the PCC Meeting on Monday 19 October 2015,
19.30 at 22 Dunottar Avenue, Eaglescliffe, TS16 0AB**

	Present	Action
	Kay Adeboye, Jennifer Brown, Mark Harrison, Simon Honeywell, Martin Howard, Karen Killick, John Littlehailes, Stuart Main, Bruce Merrick, Sarah Pocock, Richard Spratt, David Warren. <u>Chair:</u> John Lambert	
1	Opening Reflections and Prayers 1 Corinthians 12.7-12, 21-27 Martin Howard talked of God's plan for each of us, reflecting on Jeremiah 29.11, "For I know the plans I have for you...." Proverbs 16.9 and 19.21, and most importantly, John 3.16 "For God so loved the world...." God has plans for us, and individually and as a PCC we need to discern God's plan for us and act accordingly. The over-riding plan is to bring salvation to all men, and while we may struggle to determine God's intentions for us individually, this is paramount. The PCC in all its dealings needs to keep the plan in our minds. The PCC broke into groups, and then talked of our understanding of God's plans in our own lives and then prayed about issues raised and for the evening's work ahead, thanking God for all he does for us.	
2	Apologies for Absence Charlotte Benjamin, Lucy Falcus, Jenny Lewis, Pam Rushton, Margaret Vaughan	
3	Approval of minutes of the meeting of 13 July The minutes of the meeting of 21 September were approved with no objection.	
4	Correspondence John Lambert passed to the PCC a paper (just arrived) from the Stockton Deanery: an update on the Team Ministry scheme for Outer Stockton. We are asked to read this carefully and to act on the bullet points listed at the end of the document.	All
5	Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the agenda 5.1 The PCC was asked to be sure to await the circulation and approval of the minutes before any discussion matters raised in the PCC, to avoid any mistakes of interpretation or misunderstandings. 5.2 Richard Spratt reported that he was still finding it difficult to get quotes for the installation of the sound/video system in the Centre. It was suggested that he contact Sylvia Wilson, who was happy with the installation at St. John's. He will continue to press for accurate quotations. 5.3 There have been three applications for the Caretaker post. The interviews will take place next week. 5.4 Bruce Merrick will be involved in the organising of the Bishop's prayer walk next year.	Richard Spratt
6	Safeguarding Karen Killick reported that she and Pam Rushton have attended a very helpful	

	<p>meeting about safeguarding. A number of issues were identified which needed attention within our systems, and which she is addressing. None is especially significant, but she emphasised the need for us to remain vigilant. She had asked specifically about an addition of a caution about safeguarding of children to our Hall rental document: it was thought unnecessary. There is a number of DBS being renewed at the moment, and it was noted that the Messy Church team are now subject to DBS checks.</p>	Karen Killick
7	<p>Financial Update Stuart Main reported that the finances are healthy, with a surplus to date this year of £7,232. While giving in envelopes and in collection plates is down, the giving by Standing Order is significantly up. In expenditure, the stationery/photocopying budget has been exceeded by about £500, and the Traidcraft and coffee budget by a comparable amount. Overall the expenditure is over budget by £4,000. It was suggested that we should invest for interest our reserves.</p>	Stuart Main
8	<p>Budget for 2016 Stuart Main produced a first draft of a budget for the coming year. This predicated a surplus of £1040. During discussion a significant number of issues was raised with impact on the expenditure for next year, including the increasing dilapidation of the blue chairs. The possibility of a Gift Day aimed at some of the capital needs was raised, as was that of a further preaching series on giving. Stuart will bring to the next PCC a modified budget.</p>	Standing Committee Stuart Main
9	<p>Accessibility Audit. There has been recognised a need to ensure ready access to all churches for those with a wide range of impairments. The Diocesan Disability Adviser (Revd Bill Braviner) has sent us a form as a guide to examining accessibility within our church. Bruce Merrick undertook to set up a team for the task, reporting back at the November meeting.</p>	Bruce Merrick
10	<p>Reordering of the church John Lambert e-mailed to the DAC an outline of our considerations. Bill Heslop has asked for dates for a visit of a party (including David Beaumont) to look around the church. We hope that this will be done before the end of November. At that point official documentation will be sent to John Lambert and the churchwardens. If we get agreement from the DAC, we should then go to David Beaumont for an outline/timeline for the project.</p>	
11	<p>Christmas Services John Lambert said that the Services this Christmas will follow the pattern of recent Christmases: A Gift Service Sunday 13 December Evening Carol Service on Sunday before Christmas A Crib, Family Service at 4.00pm on Christmas Eve An 11.30pm Holy Communion on Christmas Eve A short service at 10.00am on Christmas Day A Joint Service of the Word between Christmas and the New Year And a Joint Service of Holy Communion on the first Sunday in January.</p>	

	<p>John also suggested that All Saints' hold a Christmas Lunch, for those who will be on their own on Christmas Day, free to them, but with a suggestion that any donations would be sent to a neighbourhood charity. This was met with unanimous approval from the PCC.</p> <p>Bruce Merrick talked about the ecumenical Christmas card to be distributed generally. There have been problems of a reduced uptake, meaning that the price has risen marginally. This has not yet been fully resolved.</p>	
12	<p>Mission Giving On behalf of the Mission Giving Group Bruce Merrick produced a list of donations proposed for the second tranche of giving for 2015. £7520 have been allocated. Proposed by Richard Spratt: "That the PCC accept the proposed distribution of Mission Giving Funds." Seconded by David Warren Carried unanimously. A second paper was a request from the Burgess family that we help their son Joel (7) to fulfil a vision of providing Bibles. Proposed from the chair that we provide £200 towards this venture. Carried unanimously. This leaves £630 in hand, held back to provide some reserve when the destination of Syrian refugees becomes clearer.</p>	Mission Giving Group
13	<p>Repairs to 558b. An inspection by an expert in Legionnaires Disease both upstairs and down in 558 gave rise to a number of suggestions. Yarm Plumbing have carried out the essentials.</p>	
14	<p>AOB 14.1 John Lambert gave to the PCC the latest minutes of the MDT, with the request that they be read to keep the PCC up to date. 14.2 David Warren made the point that equipment needed by the Worship Teams is going missing, giving them problems in rehearsing. There was some discussion; this needs to be followed up. David Warren offered to lead the session of reflection and Prayer before the next meeting of the PCC on November 23rd. The Meeting finished with prayer.</p>	All