



# All Saints' Church

Preston on Tees

**Minutes of the PCC Meeting on Monday 23 March 2015,  
19.30 at 22 Dunottar Avenue, Eaglescliffe, TS16 0AB**

	<b>Present</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>Terry Doyle, Lucy Falcus, Karen Killick, Jenny Lewis, John Littlehailes, Stuart Main, Bruce Merrick, Sarah Pocock, Pam Rushton, Margaret Vaughan, David Warren.</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> John Lambert</p>	
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Opening Reflections and Prayers</b></p> <p>Bruce Merrick painted an allegorical picture of a walk through various hazards and difficulties eventually arriving at a very beautiful sun bathed upland, and drew the analogy with our routes to heaven as individuals and as a church. He referred the PCC to some readings (Matthew 7, 13&amp;14, Luke 10, 30-36; Psalm 23 and Job 1.20-22) which were relevant.</p> <p>The PCC then divided into three groups for prayer: prayer about our individual paths, and also about the church's vision and future.</p>	
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>Gill Clayton, Mark Harrison. (Charlotte Benjamin).</p>	
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Approval of minutes of the meeting of 16 February 2015</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of 16 February were approved with no abstention.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>Stuart Main has been in touch with the council about the parking situation after the work on the Eaglescliffe railway station is completed. The work is on schedule, so is due to be complete 11 April, at which point the parking restrictions must be lifted. The council will look again at the parking situation to see if the restrictions should be reinstated.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the agenda</b></p> <p>5.1 "Try Praying". The PCC agreed to buy 500 copies of the booklets: 200 adult (of which 10 will go to Holme House Prison) 200 for children, and 100 of the youth version.</p> <p>5.2 The work on 558B is approaching completion. The exterior faces of the windows are being painted now (with the exception of the rotten bay, where the carpentry is being arranged). New carpets are to be purchased.</p> <p>We need to establish a new rental price.</p> <p>We need to get the future tenant to handle their own electricity bill.</p>	<p><b>Jenny Lewis</b> <b>Terry Doyle</b></p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Financial Update</b></p> <p>Terry Doyle gave the PCC the year-to-date figures for the end of February. The income and expenditure are close to budget; with expenditure £794 higher than budgeted, and income up by £321.</p> <p>Terry then gave to the PCC the final draft of the accounts for 2014. There is a balance to be carried forward (including all the accounts) of £52,000. We were charged the very low sum of £510 for the accounts by our accountants.</p>	<p><b>Terry Doyle</b></p>

	<p><b>Proposed by Terry Doyle</b> “That the PCC accepts these accounts.”  <b>Seconded by Stuart Main.</b>  <b>Carried unanimously.</b></p>	
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Treasurer’s Post</b>  We still have as yet no candidate for the coming year despite an appeal by John Lambert to the 10.30am congregation. None of those to whom we have spoken wishes to take on the task, and the PCC was unable to think of a further possibility. The PCC then prayed for God’s guidance for them and for a prospective candidate.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Safeguarding</b>  Karen Killick reported that there had been no incidents during the month, and none was reported by other members of the PCC. There had been training on Safeguarding issues during the month.</p>	
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Vision Day and its consequences.</b>  John Lambert spoke of his pleasure after the Vision Day, which he felt had gone very well, the children had been involved and included. He had a sense of the congregation working well together, with many of us present and that the final formulation of the vision was very good.  <b>Praying always</b> - Mark Harrison and his team are doing well, with an excellent Ablaze service on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>.  <b>Serving together</b> - John felt that each word in the formulation was important, and that we have disparate people within the parish working together to serve the Lord, and growing together.  <b>To share Jesus’ love</b> - specifically using Jesus’ name as a Christian community  <b>In our communities</b> - reflecting our mission and our multitude of contacts outside the church.  To keep people aware of the vision there will be a sermon series on St Paul’s second missionary journey, and then a series on prayer, serving together, sharing Jesus’ love and our communities.  There will be periodic updates in Service of the Word services on key ministries in order to “hold the vision high”.  The PCC will discuss progress every six months, and the MDT will have this as an item on a quarterly basis.</p>	<p><b>John Lambert</b></p> <p><b>John Littlehailes</b>  <b>John Lambert</b></p>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Welcome Lunch</b>  Lunch has been arranged for 35 people, to welcome newcomers into the church, and so they can learn about the church and the way it works. It is approximately one year since the precious Welcome Lunch.</p>	
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Easter Services</b>  On Maundy Thursday there will be a prayer walk at 7.00, followed by Holy Communion (by extension).  On Good Friday there will be a meditation time between 2 and 3 pm.  On Easter Day, there will be Holy Communion at 9.00am and at 10.30 where there will be a talk by Morgan Morris, a friend of Ashley Mix.  There will be no evening service on Easter Day.</p>	
<b>12</b>	<p><b>Youth Room.</b>  The flooring in the Youth Room, (which was put in cheaply) needs replacement.</p>	

	<p>Stuart Main has had an estimate for the replacement using the same type of material already in place in the foyer, but in “warm beech”. The cost would be £2,800, and he proposed that the church should proceed on this basis.</p> <p><b>Proposed by Stuart Main</b>  <b>Seconded by Bruce Merrick</b>  <b>Carried unanimously</b></p>	<b>Stuart Main</b>
<b>13</b>	<p><b>Quinquennial inspection</b></p> <p>Stuart Main presented a summary paper to the PCC outlining the actions required by the Inspector. This was summarised as a good report, with almost all the required actions able to be covered by the maintenance budget.</p>	
<b>14</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>1) Karen Snowden has been in post for almost 5 years as APA, and must be re-commissioned soon: this will need the approval of the PCC, who were unanimous in their praise of her work.</p> <p><b>John Lambert proposed from the chair “That the PCC support Karen Snowden for re-commissioning”.</b></p> <p><b>Carried unanimously.</b></p> <p>2) The Staff Management Team and the MDT are looking at issues of consistency in rewards among the Staff.</p>	<b>John Lambert</b>