



# All Saints' Church

Preston on Tees

Minutes of the PCC Meeting on Monday 11 December 2017,  
19.30 at 22 Dunottar Avenue, Eaglescliffe, TS16 0AB

	<b>Present</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Jennifer Brown, Lucy Falcus, Simon Honeywell, Karen Killick, Kathie Lambert, Stuart Levin, John Littlehailes, Sarah Pocock, Pamela Rushton, Ian Taylor, Margaret Vaughan. <u>Chair:</u> John Lambert	
<b>1</b>	<b>Opening Reflections and Prayer</b> Kathie Lambert read Luke 1.46-56, the Magnificat. She talked of Mary's humility in contrast to God's greatness. She spent some time looking at how great He is. He chose to humble himself to dwell among us, choosing the lowest of the low to be his servant. God can use any of us, and we, too can be called by him. We should be humble, and turn at the end of the year towards Christ, by having communion together as a family, as a Christmas dinner together. John then led us in communion. After communion Kathie prayed for guidance for us during the evening discussions. Wine and nibbles were then shared, a thank-you from John and Kathie to the PCC for their service to the church during the year.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Kay Adeboye, Lawrence Gnanaraj, Martin Howard, Sue Levan, Richard Spratt, David Warren.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Minutes of previous Meetings</b> Minutes of the meeting of 20 November were approved, <b>All in favour.</b>	<b>John Littlehailes</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> Letter from the Bishop: the deanery rearrangement discussed earlier in the year has been adopted.	
<b>5</b>	<b>Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere)</b> A donor has agreed to pay the cost of the flooring in the kitchen. John Lambert will thank them on behalf of the church.	<b>John Lambert</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Church Suite</b> The church data structure is still appropriate for a time when we were much smaller, and is currently somewhat creaking. The Church Suite would allow young people to engage through modern technology. Some concerns were raised about the setting up of the system. It was suggested that Martin Howard, who offered at the last PCC to help with the start-up, should act as overall supervisor of the installation. Proposed by Simon Honeywell and Seconded by Jennifer Brown "That the PCC should buy the Church Suite programme for installation and use from January next year". <b>All in Favour</b>	<b>Martin Howard</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Financial Update</b> Kathie gave out an amended financial update. Our financial state is very healthy, for which thanks to God. The tithing of the increase in the incoming finance will be automatically be transferred to the Mission Giving.	<b>Kathie Lambert</b>

	<p>£500 has already been given to Kathryn and John Belmont (for some of the expense for them of the Mexico trip next year) from the tithing of money given to the REACH project. (See item 12 below). Kathie suggested that more might be given from the same source. It was suggested that we give up to £1,400. This was proposed from the chair by John Lambert: <b>All in favour.</b></p>	
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Budget 2018</b></p> <p>Kathie presented to the PCC the updated Budget proposals for 2018. A question was raised as to the projected giving: was it perhaps conservative, in the light of the giving to date this year. It was pointed out that the giving to the REACH project may divert some of the money otherwise given directly, and that a conservative approach was appropriate.</p> <p>It was pointed out that in past discussions it was agreed that £2,000 were to be assigned to the audio-visual system for a new sound desk. The budget will be adjusted accordingly.</p> <p>Proposed by Margaret Vaughan “That the PCC accept the proposed Budget for 2018 with this amendment.” Seconded by Stuart Levin. <b>All in favour.</b> The PCC thanked Kathie Lambert and Jennifer Brown for their work on the new budget.</p>	<p><b>Kathie Lambert</b></p> <p><b>Jennifer Brown</b></p>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Safeguarding</b></p> <p>Jennifer Brown said that she had no safeguarding issues to bring to the PCC. A question was asked about the training in progress: it is well under way, with time in hand. John Lambert is in discussion with Kathryn Belmont concerning on-line behaviour and its inherent dangers for young people. Kathryn will be talking to the young people about these issues. Stuart suggested that we make available, for their parents, links to resources about these issues. It was suggested that that an item goes into the pewsheet: John Lambert will follow this up.</p>	<p><b>John Lambert</b></p>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Wardens’ Update</b></p> <p>558a Car parking continues to be a problem.</p> <p>558b An Iranian couple, with their young son moving into the flat, moving in as from next Monday. They will be away Christmas and New Year. Karen Killick will put together a welcome pack for them.</p> <p>Matt has put in a lot of effort into the whole project and thanks were given for his efforts.</p> <p>Sunday car parking- we have had one response from the Witham Avenue flats. Sandra will use this space.</p>	
<b>11</b>	<p><b>REACH</b></p> <p>The invited tenders from local companies have not come in: one has gone out of business, and we are waiting for responses from the others. In the meantime, we have approached structural engineers for quotes for the calculations for the structural beams. We have had two quotes and have asked one to complete the work. It has been suggested that we might “park” the widening of the inner doors at the entrance. Despite the delays, we still hope to finish phase 1 by Easter.</p> <p>We are thinking of bringing phase 3 forward. Implementing it before phase 2 would mean that we require faculties, but not full planning permission. This, by bringing together phases 2 and 4, would also give potential savings for the</p>	<p><b>The REACH Steering Group</b></p>

	major projects (Phases 2 and 4). The PCC was asked to pray for progress. There was prayer for encouragement, and wisdom, and for the various changes to the programme being considered.	
<b>12</b>	<b>Mexico 2018</b> See item 7 above.	
<b>13</b>	<b>Health and Safety Policy Document</b> Karen Killick has met with Jonathan Backhouse, to discuss this item. He thought that the PCC meeting was next week (understandably, given the unusual date of this meeting) so the Policy document is not yet ready. This item is therefore moved to the January meeting.	<b>John Littlehailes</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Curacy</b> The new curate, Paul Arnold, his wife Liz, and their three children, will be living near St. Paul's in Newtown. They will be coming to us next Summer. There was discussion about the potential expenses for his travel: it was suggested that since he had no choice as to his dwelling he therefore may claim for all travel to this parish.	
<b>15</b>	<b>Dates for 2018</b> There is one clash of dates, in July, with the Deanery Synod. It was therefore agreed that the PCC will meet on Tuesday 17 July. It was agreed that the December PCC will again be held "early": this will mean the December meeting happens on Tuesday 11 December. Agreed.	<b>All</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>AOB</b> Margaret Vaughan volunteered to provide the Opening Reflections and Prayers at the next meeting, <b>Monday, 15 January 2018.</b> The meeting closed with the Grace.	<b>Margaret Vaughan</b>