



All Saints' Church

Preston on Tees

**Minutes of the PCC Meeting on Monday 15th February 2016,
19.30 at 22 Dunottar Avenue, Eaglescliffe, TS16 0AB**

	Present	Action
	Kay Adeboye, Charlotte Benjamin, Lucy Falcus, Simon Honeywell, Karen Killick, Jenny Lewis, John Littlehailes, Stuart Main, Bruce Merrick, Sarah Pocock, Richard Spratt, Pam Rushton, David Warren. <u>Chair:</u> John Lambert	
1	Opening Reflections and Prayers Lucy Falcus reflected on the Gift Day, thankful to God for the generosity of the congregation, and how it pointed towards the consequence of the Vision Day. She read from Exodus 16 (Manna and Quail) about the Lord's kindness even to the grumbling Israelites, providing for their needs as he continues, and will continue, to provide for ours, knowing exactly what we need. We then sang together Mission Praise 1087 (Lord I come before your throne of grace). The PCC then shared a time of prayer, focussed around the theme of God's faithfulness.	
2	Apologies for Absence Jennifer Brown, Mark Harrison, Martin Howard, Margaret Vaughan.	
3	Approval of minutes of the meeting of 18 January 2016 The minutes of the meeting of 18 January were approved with amendments to the list of those present and the apologies. These were corrected. Minutes approved with 2 abstentions for absence.	
4	Correspondence None.	
5	Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere) Item 5.1 Jan 2016: Access ramp for the chancel. The metal ramp which had been found was being modified to make it easier to use.	
5.1	Safeguarding. Since this item had been inadvertently omitted from the Agenda, it was dealt with here. Karen Killick said that she had had no reports of incidents during the month. She continues to look for a successor, and is optimistic that she may have found someone.	Karen Killick
5.2	The point was made that boisterous children were close to causing themselves injury a couple of Sundays ago. John Lambert made the point that many of the recently arrived children bring issues with them, and that we need to make a loving framework to surround them, and to care for them all.	
5.3	Item 10 from Jan 2016: The replacement Visuals computer has been bought for £550. Software for the task has yet to be purchased.	Richard Davies
6	Financial Update – Year end 2015 Stuart distributed income & expenditure statements for the month of January. Income £16.1k vs budget £15.7. Expenditure was such that we ended up with a deficit of £400, but the overall picture was encouraging. The PCC thanked Stuart for all his work getting the numbers available.	

7	<p>APCM</p> <p>This will take place 17 April, as recently, at 10.00am Service, aiming to finish by noon.</p> <p>The PCC was asked who might not be standing again. Charlotte Benjamin and Stuart Main indicated that they were not intending to do so.</p> <p>There will therefore be spaces on the PCC, and possibly a space on the Deanery Synod.</p>	
8	<p>Vision Day</p> <p>The PCC agreed that the day had been a success. John Lambert said that the Prayer Week preceding it had been exceptional. The day itself went well, and revealed how people who attended felt about the space, about the good things in the church, needs for the church and problems with the space. At the end there was a clear sense of consensus, with 55 in favour of the outline for change, none against and no abstentions. (While this was not really an EGM legally, those present clearly felt as one.) The meeting referred to the PCC a request embodied in the motion below.</p> <p>John Lambert proposed from the chair “That the PCC commission an architect to work up plans offering us options to reorder the nave, chancel and chapel, and to redevelop the space on the south side of the church.”</p> <p>Motion carried, with all in favour.</p>	
9	<p>Gift Day 7th February 2016</p> <p>The Gift Day was successful, and inclusive of Gift Aid, and net of the contribution to the work of the Skiels at Vellore, was about £14,550.</p> <p>Karen Killick reported back (on behalf of the group (Jan Peters, Dawn Wheeldon, Karen and Kathryn Belmont) who had been selecting chairs) on the views of those who had sampled the various chairs displayed during the previous month in the coffee room.</p> <p>One of the armed chairs was the clear favourite, and two chairs without arms were equally favoured. Based on the presentation of the group, the PCC decided in favour of the aluminium framed chairs, but without the hooks to tie them together.</p> <p>The colour choice proved more contentious, with the PCC settling finally on purple cloth to be used throughout. The final decision on the material will be made when larger swatches are available, and will be left in the hands of the Standing Committee and the Chair Group.</p> <p>The PCC agreed to the purchase of 30 arm chairs at £69, 110 chairs without arms at £61.50, an additional chair trolley (£90), 3 GOPAK round tables at £256.80, and 2 rectangular GOPAK tables at £127.20.</p> <p>The total sum approved was £9,949.80.</p> <p>John Lambert made the point that there would be space for a further 27 chairs in the Nave (which would be covered as are the present ones). Karen Killick will enquire of the manufacturers if they could be bought at the same price as the armless chairs above, and she will also get advice from the manufacturer as to the need for reproofing of the chairs after steam cleaning.</p>	Karen Killick
10	<p>MDT Report</p> <p>John Lambert presented to the PCC the latest minutes of the MDT, and gave a</p>	

	<p>brief outline of their latest thinking.</p> <p>The Connect ministry reported to them the great success of the lunches, which is forcing them to think about moving to two lunches per month. This would require a second team of 8-9 volunteers.</p> <p>The “Small Groups” are to be renamed “Life Groups” as more descriptive of their reality.</p> <p>The MDT will start soon the process of bringing into the group 2 more members.</p> <p>During the coming quarter they will be trying to measure the church’s progress and effectiveness against the church vision of praying always, serving together to share Jesus’ love in our communities.</p>	
11	AOB	
11.1	Pam Rushton offered to lead the time of reflection and prayer at the next PCC on Monday 21 March.	Pam Rushton
11.2	“In Touch.” Bruce Merrick asked about the status of this publication. John Lambert said that so far no one with the abilities and enthusiasm to replace Bill Cockcroft has been found, and until then the monthly version would not restart. He remains hopeful that a successor will be found. In the meantime special issues like the Christmas one will continue.	
11.3	Jan Peters is considering ending the Wednesday session of Toddlers in order to use the time for better schools presentation and for work with parents. She is looking for other Toddler Groups in the area for those who only come on Wednesdays. She proposes to make the change at Easter. Her proposal met with a positive response from the PCC, since it would expand an important area of her mission, though some cost to children’s ministry income.	Jan Peters
11.4	The Queen’s 90th Birthday will be celebrated 12 June. We have ordered 200 booklets “The Servant Queen and the King She Serves”. On that day there will be Messy Church, and it was suggested that we might involve Messy Church in a Street Party. Connect will have a separate celebration two days later. This met with some support from the PCC.	John Lambert
11.5	At Easter Nina, who has been helping Jan Peters will be returning to Germany. Jan is proposing a “going-away” present for her: the PCC thought it a good idea.	Jan Peters
11.6	Bruce Merrick produced the proposal from the Mission Support Group for the latest tranche of money (£7,980.00 for the 1 st half of 2016) to be given away. The PCC approved unanimously the list of recipients.	Mission Support Group