



# All Saints' Church

Preston on Tees

Minutes of the PCC Meeting on Monday 20th February 2017,

19.30 at 22 Dunottar Avenue, Eaglescliffe, TS16 0AB

	<b>Present</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Jennifer Brown, Lucy Falcus, Simon Honeywell, Martin Howard Karen Killick, Kathie Lambert, Sue Levan, Jenny Lewis, John Littlehailes, Bruce Merrick, Sarah Pocock, Pam Rushton, Richard Spratt, Margaret Vaughan, David Warren, Ian Taylor (Observer), <u>Chair:</u> John Lambert	
<b>1</b>	<b>Opening Reflections and Prayers</b> Karen Killick Psalm 100, read by Jenny Lewis: joy, love and faithfulness. Then Karen read the same the reading, this time from the Message Bible, a very different translation. She pointed out the structure: Verses 1 and 2, do it, next verse why, verse 4 again do it, and then verse 5 why. Sheep are herd animals, not very bright, not seeing beyond their immediate environment, and need looking after. They need protection. A good picture of our relationship with God. We sang together "Be still, for the glory of the Lord": then went into the church to pray individually.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Kay Adeboye	
<b>3</b>	<b>Approval of minutes of the meeting of 23rd January 2017</b> The minutes of the meeting of 23 <sup>rd</sup> January were approved with one amendment: no abstentions, none against.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> None	
<b>5</b>	<b>Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere)</b> 5.1 Geraldine Donegan felt that though she would have been very happy to contribute to their work, to join the Staff Management Team would be troubling for her friendships. John Lambert thanked her for her considering the suggestion.	
<b>6</b>	<b>Financial Update.</b> Kathie Lambert said that God continues to bless us. Our expenditure is well in hand. Our voluntary income from all sources is coming in above budget. The latest detail of Gift Aid is awaited. The Centre lettings are up, and demand continues to grow. A further booking by Slimming World is being considered. We are querying the gas and electricity bills for 558a which show consumption of both while it was empty. There were some queries about the level of Staff salaries related to the percentage increase earlier agreed by the PCC. Kathie agreed to check this.	<b>Kathie Lambert</b>

7	<p><b>Safeguarding</b></p> <p>Jennifer Brown brought to the attention of the PCC new guidelines for Safeguarding training which are now in place. There are some queries about the use of helpers without training: while they may not do so at the moment, this may change. Questions remain as to its application. We must proceed with leaders for C1 and C2 training (whole day training); the others may wait until the C1 training is in place for helpers. It is not yet clear as to the extent of the need for training but very many will be need to be put through the training. It is then repeated every three years. The next training round locally will be in Stockton Parish Church.</p>	Jennifer Brown
8	<p><b>Drivers' Bank Policy Statement</b></p> <p>Jennifer Brown has produced a simpler form for the essentials required. We have been advised that we should have two people in a car when transporting children and young people: this is advised, though not essential for vulnerable adults, an issue addressed in the form. Cover for conveying children as a volunteer is complex for insurers to deal with. It may be best to deal with this at renewal. As a result of discussion, the form will read "full, valid, driving license". It will also have an additional clause "I will undertake to inform the Safeguarding Officer of any relevant changes in my circumstances". John Lambert proposed from the chair "That the new form, with the agreed amendments, should accepted by the PCC". <b>Agreed unanimously.</b></p>	Jennifer Brown
9	<p><b>Church Wardens' Roles</b></p> <p>John Lambert asked the PCC if they had further thoughts about the roles since the last meeting.</p> <p>The splitting of the roles will be considered further at the Wardens' meeting.</p>	Wardens' Meeting
10	<p><b>Reordering of the Church</b></p> <p>The DAC meeting encouraged us to develop the proposals further. They said that we should consider the value for money in terms of the cost per additional seat, (the Northern extension). They are not in favour of demolishing the vestry, on technical, aesthetic and value grounds. (It does seem likely that the Council will see this similarly). They also made the point that having a second entrance to the Church could be confusing and awkward. They asked for careful consideration of changes in the new Chapel area: as a central point it needs to be visually inspiring. They advise early discussion with the planning authority. David Beaumont will produce a further set of drawings incorporating our most desired specification. Once these are approved we shall make a pre-application for the council's first views on the plan. We hope to have initial costings before the EPCM.</p>	Reordering Group
11	<p><b>EPCM</b></p> <p>John Lambert has contacted the Archdeacon who will be involved. John Lambert will chair the meeting (with the Archdeacon attending). The EPCM will be preceded by perhaps a week of prayer. It will be similar to the last meeting, with initially a brief description of drawings, cost, phasing. There will then be time for prayer, for questions and sharing views. We shall then proceed to a series of votes on issues involved. The changes being discussed may mean that we shall need of the order of 10 additional car parking spaces.</p>	

	<p>"Buddy parking" was suggested as a way to get more cars into the space available. It has been suggested that the money required for the re-ordering could be the equivalent of a church plant. Kath Snowdon (with other volunteers) has agreed look after children during the meeting for parents who otherwise will find it impossible to attend.</p>	
<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- John Lambert offered to lead reflections for the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.</li> <li>- The family prayer list will be re-issued in a different form soon.</li> <li>- The meeting finished with the mutual blessing of the Grace.</li> </ul>	<p><b>John Lambert</b></p>