



All Saints' Church

Preston on Tees

Minutes of the PCC Meeting on Monday 21st March 2016,

19.30 at 22 Dunottar Avenue, Eaglescliffe, TS16 0AB

	Present	Action
	Jennifer Brown, Lucy Falcus, Simon Honeywell, Martin Howard, Karen Killick, Jenny Lewis, John Littlehailes, Stuart Main, Bruce Merrick, Richard Spratt, Pam Rushton, Margaret Vaughan, David Warren. <u>Chair:</u> John Lambert	
1	Opening Reflections and Prayers Pam Rushton led the PCC in a period of reflection focussed on Faith and on persistence in Faith. She quoted from Hebrews 11, from Matthew (the woman repeatedly asking for healing for her daughter) from Luke (the woman pressing the judge for justice), and from Colossians 2, (Abraham as faithful even to the point of giving his son as sacrifice). The PCC then split into pairs for a period of prayer based on her thoughts.	
2	Apologies for Absence Kay Adeboye, Charlotte Benjamin, Mark Harrison, Sarah Pocock.	
3	Approval of minutes of the meeting of 15 February 2016 The minutes of the meeting of 15 February were approved with amendments to item 7 and item 8. These were corrected. Minutes approved with 3 abstentions for absence.	
4	Correspondence <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Bishop Mark has contacted John Lambert. He will be coming to the parish on June 18, to meet with the PCC and on Sunday June 19 to take part in the services. On the Saturday (a meeting suggested between 10.00am and 1.00pm) he wishes to discuss with the PCC their thoughts and concerns. We propose to bring the architect along and use the opportunity to tell him of our plans for possible change to the buildings.2) Stuart Main has been contacted by the Pensions Regulator that we must enroll our staff in a pension scheme by April 2017. Stuart has passed this on to the staff.3) The PCC has received letters from Maureen Stockley and from Ray and Pat Snaith, each about the result of the Vision day. The PCC was pleased by both letters, grateful that where there were perceived issues of importance they were raised openly and early on in the discussions, and equally that members of the congregation were thinking through in depth the tentative plans being considered. John Lambert discussed replies to each of the letters on behalf of the PCC, who made suggestions and agreed the final form of the replies. A file has been created in which all the letters and detail from these and other letters are being kept together.	
5	Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere)	

<p>5.1</p> <p>5.2</p> <p>5.3</p>	<p>Richard Davies has been working up an instruction manual for the new computer which is now ready for installation as soon as the software is updated.</p> <p>150 of the new chairs will be arriving 25 or 26 April, as will new, good quality tables. The manufacturers will be asked if they would provide some spare leg 'stoppers' to protect our floor in the centre.</p> <p>Richard Spratt will now be standing for re-election to the PCC</p>	<p>Karen Killick</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Financial Update – Year end 2015</p> <p>Stuart Main distributed income & expenditure statements for the month of February.</p> <p>There is an apparent deficit of £3,869, but this is due to the outgoing of £7,580 in the half year tithing to Mission. Giving is up in all the categories, and the balance (once the Mission Giving is allowed for) is a surplus of about £1,000. One month's worth of rent on the flat has not been paid, but will be coming in.</p> <p>The Gift Day has so far raised £15,475. £4,000 has so far been spent on the computer and tables and a deposit on the chairs. A further £7,218 for the final payment for the chairs will leave £3,751. We have an estimate of £3,000 for treating the floor in the Centre. The Skiels were due to receive £475 towards their mission work. Stuart proposed that this sum be raised to £500. Seconded by Bruce Merrick. All in favour.</p> <p>The PCC thanked Stuart for all his work getting the numbers available.</p>	<p>Stuart Main</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Safeguarding</p> <p>Karen Killick reported that there were no major issues during the past month. She also informed the PCC that Jennifer Brown was taking on the Safeguarding role from the April APCM. The PCC welcomed Jennifer into the role for which she is eminently suited, and thanked Karen for all her hard work over the period of her tenure.</p>	<p>Jennifer Brown</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Treasurer</p> <p>There is as yet no replacement for Stuart Main as Treasurer. There has been an offer of assistance which is being considered.</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p>APCM</p> <p>John Lambert hopes to have two testimonies at the APCM, one from a comparative newcomer, and one from a very longstanding member of the congregation. Some names were suggested.</p> <p>John will talk about how ideally everyone would have a ministry within the church, with the theme of our verse of the year "Zeal for your house consumes me."</p> <p>There will be a special thank you for Bill Cockcroft for all the work he has done over many years in producing "In Touch". John told the PCC that there will be a smaller but very attractive programme coming out every two months in the future.</p>	
<p>10</p>	<p>The Queen's Birthday</p> <p>The excellent booklets produced for the occasion were shown to the PCC. We have bought 200 of them to be distributed at the Street Party and at the Connect celebration. They were greatly admired.</p>	

	<p>Jan Peters is taking a central role in organising the event, and she has suggested a budget of £300, or taking the event up a level by bringing in an entertainer or a band. The idea was floated of using the undoubted talent within the church to form a band for the occasion. In the light of the money already spent on the booklets it was proposed by John from the chair that we provide a budget of £350 for Jan. There were some concerns that this might prove inadequate, but the motion was passed without opposition.</p>	Jan Peters
11	<p>The future of the Church buildings</p> <p>There will be a meeting on Wednesday 23 March at 7.30pm of a group comprising John Lambert, Jenny Lewis, Jennifer Brown, Simon Honeywell, Martin Howard and Richard Spratt to debate just what we want from the architect, and the time by which we want his or her response. Ideally we would aim for September, to keep the momentum of the project, and to bring a clearer set of ideas to the congregation.</p>	
12	<p>Deanery Synod Report</p> <p>Margaret Vaughan shared with the PCC the plan for Bishop Paul's Prayer Walk from 3 May to 15 May, when he will be aiming to meet local people as he tours the diocese. He will be coming to this area on Thursday 12 to Sunday 15 May. On the Sunday he will be walking from the Barrage to Stockton Parish Church, and thence to Preston Park, where he will be at the Skate Park at lunchtime. People may join him at any point.</p> <p>Lucy Falcus has been appointed Lay Chair of the Deanery Synod.</p> <p>In 2017 'Bishops in Mission' will need a member of this congregation to be in the organising group within the Deanery. Also needed will be a link person between the Deanery and Diocese.</p> <p>Alan Farish has been appointed Missioner, serving the Deanery wherever he is needed, and Mark Miller will be leading the Stockton Parish Church.</p>	
13	<p>MDT Report</p> <p>John Lambert asked the PCC to return to him as soon as possible the form asking for opinions on the candidates for the MDT. There will probably be three candidates brought into the MDT, with some overlap in the time before the year end.</p> <p>John said that much attention has been given lately to the leaders of services within the church, addressing their further training and helping them understand what is needed from them in their special roles, and the issues to be addressed to allow growth.</p> <p>He has been to the Welcomers meeting, and felt that the Welcoming within the church was better than ever, without being complacent about it.</p>	
14	<p>Congregation Numbers</p> <p>The church, especially at 10.30am is near to capacity at some services: in other words, over full, with 188 people present with only 200 chairs available (this being the limit determined by the Fire Services). We shall shortly have two further rows at the back to ease the crowding, but this remains a pressing problem: we have reached the point that if there is a baptism with more than 15 invited a separate Baptism Service is needed. This is not a path we wish to follow.</p>	

