



All Saints' Church

Preston on Tees

**Minutes of the PCC Meeting on Monday 9th May 2016,
19.30 at 22 Dunottar Avenue, Eaglescliffe, TS16 0AB**

	Present	Action
	Lucy Falcus, Simon Honeywell, Martin Howard, Jenny Lewis, Kathie Lambert, Sue Levan, John Littlehailes, Stuart Main, Bruce Merrick, Sarah Pocock, Richard Spratt, Margaret Vaughan, David Warren. <u>Chair:</u> John Lambert	
1	<p>Opening Reflections and Prayers</p> <p>Simon Honeywell led the PCC in reflection after setting them a problem requiring manual skill and thought. None solved it. He observed that in individual teams a wide range of different approaches were involved. Each of us is different, and each brings their own skills and gifts to the group. As a PCC God has brought us together (1 Cor. 12.27). Simon elaborated on the reading: cooperation is a scriptural command. We must work together in unity: we are very various, but are called together to complement each other. Simon finished by reading Psalm 133, and the PCC moved to prayer around the theme of unity.</p>	
2	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Kay Adeboye, Jennifer Brown, Mark Harrison, Karen Killick, Pam Rushton.</p>	
3	<p>Approval of minutes of the meeting of 15 February 2016</p> <p>The minutes of the meetings of 21 March 2016 and 19 April 2016 were approved with one amendment which was corrected. These minutes were approved with 2 abstentions.</p>	
4	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>None</p>	
5	<p>Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere)</p> <p>5.1 (Item 4, 21.03.16). Bishop Mark has just phoned John Lambert to agree the proposed arrangements for the weekend of 18/19 June, meeting with the PCC on 18 June after a breakfast, aiming to finish at mid-day, then joining John and Kathie for lunch. On Sunday he will be coming to the two morning services, presiding at the 09.00, and leading the 10.30 service. He then proposes to take the MDT out for lunch, after which he must return to Durham, but will be back in Preston for the evening service.</p> <p>5.2 (Item 5, 21.03.16) Richard Davies has completed an instruction manual for the new computer which is now in place and working.</p> <p>5.3 (Item 9, 21.03.16) The APCM went well with good feedback. It was noted that the PCC had, at a meeting before the APCM, approved the Finance Report for the year 2015.</p> <p>5.4 (Item 11, 21.03.16) Reordering. There have been two meetings of the Steering Group, one to determine just what we wanted from the architect, and then a meeting with David Beaumont. He will charge us £1,950 + VAT for his first phase of work, which will comprise a full plan with options, an</p>	

5.5	<p>estimate of cost and some conceptual drawings. He expects to provide these by the end of June with phasing and costings. Richard Spratt and Jenny Lewis are going to attend a Diocesan Major Project Management course.</p> <p>(Item 12, 21.03.16) Margaret Vaughan reminded the PCC that this parish will need a member of the congregation as a representative on the organising group for "Bishops in Mission".</p>	
6	<p>Financial Update</p> <p>Stuart Main distributed income and expenditure statements for the month of April. We are above budget in each area of giving, and expenditure is close to the budget. The net effect is that we are in surplus for the first 4 months of the year.</p> <p>The Gift Day expenditure on the chairs and tables leaves £3,757 still in hand. The Church has £58.5K in various accounts, of which £38K is available to spend.</p> <p>The first meeting of the new Finance Team will happen on Tuesday 10 May.</p> <p>The Auditors have requested a copy of the minutes of the APCM.</p> <p>The mandate forms have arrived from the bank.</p> <p>Margaret Vaughan proposed that "This meeting authorises that Katherine Lambert becomes a nominated signatory on the General Fund and Building Fund of the PCC. The protocol remains a 2 person signatory account."</p> <p>Seconded by Jenny Lewis. Carried unanimously.</p> <p>Margaret Vaughan also proposed that "This meeting approves the removal of Stuart Main as a signatory from all our accounts."</p> <p>Seconded by Richard Spratt. Carried unanimously.</p>	<p>Kathie Lambert</p> <p>John Littlehailes</p>
7	<p>Safeguarding</p> <p>No report of any event has been received, but John Lambert commented that whenever we are having a total immersion baptism we need two people on either side of the baptismal pool.</p>	<p>Jennifer Brown</p>
8	<p>MDT Update</p> <p>Peter Gray and Donna Levin have joined the MDT.</p> <p>The MDT will be studying "What Makes Churches Grow" by Bob Jackson.</p> <p>During the next 3 months they will be looking at Jan Peters' ministry. She will be present for the first and the third of these meetings.</p>	
9	<p>Hall Flooring</p> <p>Jenny Lewis reported that we need to renew the surface of the Centre floor soon. We have now 3 quotes for the work, operating widely different systems, but the price will be above £2,000. We now need proper advice on the methods proposed.</p> <p>Martin Howard offered to get advice on the various methods proposed, including the durability of the surfaces.</p>	<p>Martin Howard</p>
10	<p>Audiovisual System for the Centre</p> <p>Richard Spratt now has a quotation which represents good value, but which may have to be required before the installation. There was discussion of the</p>	

	<p>precise details of the system.</p> <p>The matter of the sound levels was raised, recognising the need for us to be good neighbours.</p> <p>Richard Spratt proposed that the PCC accept the quotation with the rider that the limit of cost must be £3,500. Seconded by David Warren. Carried unanimously.</p> <p>Thanks were given to Richard for the many weeks he has spent on this project.</p>	Richard Spratt
11	<p>Life Exhibition</p> <p>This will take place 21-27 June. Most days are already filled by schools from around the area, though one school felt that the Organiser's website was 'too evangelical', and would not be taking part. On the Sunday, our children will be using it.</p> <p>On the Thursday the library will be used once more as a polling station, but this will not conflict with the exhibition.</p>	
12	<p>The Queen's Birthday.</p> <p>The Street Party on 12 June is being organised. A letter went to the houses in Dunottar Avenue, Swinburne Road and the relevant parts of Yarm Road.</p> <p>There have been enthusiastic responses, but one less so. John has replied to this but there has been no further response. Jan Peters will be putting in place the events aimed at children.</p>	
13	<p>AOB</p> <p>Bruce Merrick offered to lead the period of Opening Reflection and Prayer at the next meeting: Monday 20 June 2016.</p>	