



All Saints' Church

Preston on Tees

Minutes of the PCC Meeting on Monday 21 May 2018,
19.30 at 22 Dunottar Avenue, Eaglescliffe, TS16 0AB

	Present	Action
	<p>Kay Adeboye, Debbie Bunford, Lucy Falcus, Lawrence Gnanaraj, Simon Honeywell, Martin Howard, Karen Killick, Kathie Lambert, Sue Levan, Stuart Levin, John Littlehailes, Pamela Rushton, Richard Spratt, Ian Taylor, David Warren, Nicola Wrightson, Margaret Vaughan.</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> John Lambert.</p> <p>John Lambert welcomed the new members.</p>	
1	<p>Opening Reflections and Prayer</p> <p>In thinking about her contribution to this item Karen Killick had the difficulty with REACH phase 1 very much on her mind. She brought two passages to the PCC: "As shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves" in Matthew, 10.16, reflecting that it is easy for Christians to be one but not the other: it is a challenge to be both; and Matthew 20.1-15 in which the kingdom of heaven is likened to the workers paid for shorter day's work, the same as those who toiled in the sun for the whole day. In response to the grumbling the landowner said "I am not being unfair, I hired you for one denarius and I have the right to hire others as I wish". At the end of the day (vv6,7) he hired those who had not been chosen. God is overwhelmingly generous. The passage is about God's overwhelming grace and love. Coming to God in our lives. After the recent royal wedding, Justin Welby and Bishop Curry went to worship together in St Albans, where the sermon echoed Bishop Curry's theme that at the heart of our lives as Christians is a revolution: a revolution not of violence but of love, and that even the most lost are being found. The PCC then prayed about this in groups of three.</p>	
2	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>None.</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of previous Meetings</p> <p>Minutes of the meetings of 19 March, (with 2 abstentions) APCM pre-meeting (with 5 abstentions) and PCC meeting 22 April 2018 (with 3 abstentions) were approved, with none against.</p>	John Littlehailes
4	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>A letter from Bishop Paul, confirming the renaming of Stockton Parish Church.</p>	
5	<p>Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere)</p> <p>None.</p>	
6	<p>Financial Update</p> <p>Kathie Lambert sent out accounts to end April: the Gift Aid which is due has been applied for. We have been blessed by God in the giving from our congregations. Some items such as the recycling bins have been paid for at the beginning of the year, and the corresponding deficit will diminish</p>	

	<p>throughout the year. There will be an overspend on Staff Training and on Sundries by the end of the year, and the PCC will need to consider these items in the budgeting for next year. The staff salaries are consistently overspent by a small amount, perhaps because the calculation before the end of the year was in error: this is not yet clear.</p> <p>Thanks were given to Kathie and the team for their work.</p>	<p>Kathie Lambert</p>
7	<p>Safeguarding</p> <p>Nicola has nothing to report. There has been a handover from Jennifer: Nicola will be undertaking some training for her new role. C2 training will take place in the autumn.</p>	<p>Nicola Wrightson</p>
8	<p>Wardens' Update</p> <p>Martin Howard said that quotations are being sought for the outside painting of windows at 558a and 558b: two are to hand, but others have not responded. This will cost of the order of £800 for all the external woodwork. Further, the office will begin to be moved as from tomorrow. Furniture has been ordered, tub chairs and a sofa; two sofas for the lobby. A laptop will be purchased for use in the Centre; but it will also provide a further resource for Sandra. An iPad, too, is being bought for Sandra's use. The PCC discussed this issue at some length. It was proposed by Nicola Wrightson and seconded by Pamela Rushton that the PCC authorise the expenditure of up to £750 for a laptop and an iPad.</p>	<p>Karen Killick Martin Howard</p>
9	<p>REACH</p> <p>Richard Spratt first talked to the PCC about phases 2,3 and 4. The group is working towards submissions for planning with Stockton and the DAC. There have been some changes to plans for Phase 2 layout to improve its use. Phase 3 involves the reorganising of the chancel area: layouts have been explored in terms of a wide variety of services. A wheelchair lift will be installed if there is insufficient space for a ramp. A Statement of Need and Statement of Significance are being prepared. We are in discussion about future uses for various pieces of furniture. Phase 1.5 will include replacing the boilers, glazing the outer door and double glazing of the former chapel.</p> <p>Phase 1 completion: the area by the inner doors will be plastered after the electrician has been to set up the door closures. After this the carpets may be laid. Cupboards are due go in this week. We have received a generous gift from a parishioner for the renovation of the toilets, for which the PCC expressed its gratitude.</p> <p>Finances for Phase 1: An extraordinary gift of £5,000 has been received for REACH. In addition, £3,000 has been given expressly for use towards the shortfall left by Devlin Walker. Gift aided, the sum amounts to £10,000. After prayer, and extensive discussion, the PCC agreed in principle, provided there is no further company approaching us that we should pay everything owed to subcontractor companies exclusive of VAT. If there are others, then the amount should be shared out. It was suggested that we should invite those who worked on the project for us to a celebratory service after completion.</p>	

<p>10</p>	<p>Church Suite Martin Howard said that most people have been contacted for their agreement to their inclusion. Those not yet signed up will be removed from lists: those on electoral roll will have only limited details needed for their place on the roll. The congregation should understand that they will miss out on some matters if they refuse to allow contact. There will be more information about further impact of the Church Suite system in the future, as the church becomes used to using it. There are three training sessions organised over the next few weeks to help the congregations to become accustomed to it.</p>	
<p>11</p>	<p>Names of Services John Lambert suggested that to make their purpose and nature more clear, the names of Sunday services should change to Morning Worship, or Holy Communion. For the Engage services, Shorter Morning Worship might be appropriate. PCC welcomed the proposal.</p>	
<p>12</p>	<p>Welcome for Paul and Liz Arnold John Lambert and Kathie will be away when Paul and Liz first arrive in the parish. Members of the PCC should contact them as they arrive, to make them welcome among us.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>AOB Martin Howard offered to provide the Opening Reflections and Prayers at the next meeting: Monday 18 June 2018.</p>	<p>Martin Howard</p>