



All Saints' Church

Preston on Tees

Minutes of the PCC Meeting on Monday 20 November 2017,
19.30 at 22 Dunottar Avenue, Eaglescliffe, TS16 0AB

	Present	Action
	Jennifer Brown, Lucy Falcus, Lawrence Gnanaraj, Simon Honeywell, Karen Killick, Kathie Lambert, Stuart Levin, John Littlehailes, Sarah Pocock, Richard Spratt, Ian Taylor, Margaret Vaughan, David Warren. <u>Chair:</u> John Lambert	
1	Opening Reflections and Prayer Lawrence Gnanaraj was moved to ponder the “Essence of Christianity” (1 Cor. 10.31-33). He met a Christian, and 3 weeks later in a clinic and a nurse asked Lawrence to see a patient, “she is very happy with how things have gone, and wants to say hello”. Everything fine and then said to her friend ‘this is the Christian Doctor I told you about and wanted you to meet’. What then is the “Essence”. Whatever you do, do it for the glory of God. The passage gives guidance to each of us – avoiding the legalistic, but whatever you do, do it for the glory of God. Do not offend anyone. Do not look for your own advantage but to help others. Giving thanks to God the Father. We have Faith, Hope and Love, and the greatest is Love. We tend to confuse the urgent with the important. These are the cornerstones of our lives, reflecting His love onto the people around us. We must create a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Lawrence asked the PCC to ponder what we have done since the beginning of the morning, consider any action which might be dishonourable before God, and pray that we might replace this by an honourable action. He asked that we pray to be channels for God’s love into the world around us.	
2	Apologies for Absence Kay Adeboye, Sue Levan, Pamela Rushton, Martin Howard	
3	Minutes of previous Meetings Minutes of the meeting of 16 October were approved, All in favour, but with four abstentions.	John Littlehailes
4	Correspondence i) Letter from Bishop Paul thanking us for our generosity in our pledge to the Parish Share. Across the Diocese only a 1.2% increase was achieved: a deficit budget has been completed, and is shortly to be approved. ii) Letter from Gerry Vickers. Andrew Killick will soon be 70: he will need approval from the PCC for him to get “permission to officiate”. Proposed by John Lambert from Chair that we ask Andrew to continue as reader here in this new role. All in favour, with one abstention.	John Lambert
5	Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere) 1) Witham Lodge has been contacted by John Lambert about the use	

	of parking space on Sundays: we await replies from the residents.	
6	<p>Church Suite</p> <p>John Lambert introduced the software to the PCC, and spoke of the high quality of the information available through the package. The ready access to information is valuable, saving time and giving a structure around which many tasks can be completed. Data input and the management of permissions will be very important. We shall need a couple of people in addition to Sandra in the role of managers of the package. It appears to be perfect for the Safeguarding function within the Church. The ownership of the data was raised as an issue, but it was shown that this would remain with us. What would happen were the company went bust? Would we still have access to our data? What might be the cost of upgrades? John Lambert will ask Martin to address these doubts. The PCC will revisit this topic next month.</p>	<p>Martin Howard</p> <p>John Littlehailes</p>
7	<p>Financial Update</p> <p>Kathie Lambert presented the up to date financial position, which is currently very healthy: giving is up, there will be some more Gift Aid income to come in. Jan has asked for a microphone headset for Play and Praise, and a laptop to use for the Centre AV system. It was agreed that Jan should purchase the headset through her budget, but the second, more expensive, item is to come back to the PCC with a fuller account of the problem. A request from a member of the congregation for £200 for a specific need for a project was discussed. It was agreed that if a conversation with Kathryn Belmont about the project went well it should be paid.</p>	<p>Kathie Lambert</p>
8	<p>Budget 2018</p> <p>Kathie Lambert presented to the PCC a proposed Budget for the coming year. Budgeted voluntary income has been increased in line with the increase which has happened this year. There was discussion of various requirements for individual ministries. The point was made that there will be expenditure over the REACh project of about £1,500 pa over the next three years for the AV system in the church. There will be a requirement of £4,000 to £5,000 for carpeting and other furnishing in Phase 1. In phase 2 there will be further significant outlay on furnishings.</p> <p>There was discussion of the use of general maintenance cash for capital projects, and the need for clarity in the assignment of capital demands. The H&S proposals will also be demanding of some money, and this will be checked with Jonathan Backhouse.</p> <p>Thanks were given to God that we are in a position to raise various parts of the budget without too much pain.</p>	<p>Kathie Lambert</p> <p>Jennifer Brown</p>
9	<p>Safeguarding and Drivers' Bank</p> <p>Jennifer Brown said that we overlooked approval of the drivers' bank names at the last meeting. There were some amendments to be made. Jennifer proposed that the PCC adopt the list of names as amended. Seconded by Kathie Lambert. Carried unanimously.</p>	

<p>10</p>	<p>Wardens' Update</p> <p>Karen Killick said that the kitchen flooring in the church centre must be replaced. This will be done over two days early in January. The floor will be non-slip, replaced with the same quality material as in the Foyer.</p> <p>558a is going well but there is a problem with the reserved car parking being overwhelmed. Bollards will be used to try to keep the space clear.</p> <p>558b: the damp proofing is wholly successful. The toilet has been replaced, the heaters on the sinks have been condemned and are to be replaced.</p> <p>Stockton Parish Church has approached us for a tenancy: an Iranian couple is coming to view the flat. (They have a small dog). Others will also be coming in to see the flat.</p>	
<p>11</p>	<p>REACH</p> <p>Richard Spratt said that we have contacted 5 local contractors for quotations (which have arrived). The group have been working through the Phase 2 and 3 specifications. Two local contractors have been approached for quotes for the structural design engineering for an RSJ to support the library roof after the structural wall has been removed, and for the lintel over the widened doorway. The PCC gave thanks for all the work done by the group.</p>	<p>REACH Group</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>A potential curate has been to see us. He is from another Diocese, but he has been released by them to go elsewhere. He and his wife came to look around the area, visited St. Paul's Church, and came to services, then spending time with the Lambert family. There are questions on both sides to be resolved, so John and Kathie are going down to see him tomorrow, with questions from the MDT: he also has questions to ask. He seems to be an appropriate candidate. The budgeting for the consequent church planting project seems entirely feasible. John asked for prayer for the whole issue.</p> <p>Kathie Lambert volunteered to provide the Opening Reflections and Prayers at the next meeting, Monday 11 December 2017.</p> <p>The meeting closed with prayer for the meeting tomorrow and if right that God guide us and the family John and Kathie meet tomorrow. Whatever transpires we pray for us as a church to give to others the joy and delight we share here. We ended with the Grace.</p>	<p>Kathie Lambert</p>