



All Saints' Church

Preston on Tees

**Minutes of the PCC Meeting on Monday 18 September 2017,
19.30 at 22 Dunottar Avenue, Eaglescliffe, TS16 0AB**

	Present	Action
	<p>Kay Adeboye, Jennifer Brown, Lucy Falcus, Lawrence Gnanaraj, Martin Howard, Karen Killick, Kathie Lambert, Sue Levan, Stuart Levin, John Littlehailes, Sarah Pocock, Pamela Rushton, Richard Spratt, Ian Taylor, Margaret Vaughan, David Warren. Visitor: Isaac Sibanda.</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> John Lambert.</p> <p>Before the meeting started John Lambert pointed out that this was Jennifer Brown's birthday: the PCC sang "Happy Birthday" and congratulated her.</p>	
1	<p>Opening Reflections and Prayer</p> <p>Karen Killick pointed the PCC towards Mark 3.14. "He appointed twelve...that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach". He chose, he appointed he sent out. These points are true for each of us: he loves, he has chosen and he has appointed us. We must spend time with him, without that we will fail. Karen gave a mint to each of the PCC, as visual aids, and a reminder of need to take time out from the pressures, time to spend with him. We all have time for the tasks he has given us, and should serve with joy. Before prayer, the PCC sang Mission Praise 50 "Be Still, for the Glory of the Lord". The PCC then moved to prayer for time to be still, time for guidance, and prayer of thanksgiving for all the Lord has done for us.</p>	
2	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Simon Honeywell.</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of previous Meetings</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting of 17 July were approved, with some amendment: all in favour save 6 abstentions for absence.</p>	John Littlehailes
4	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>None</p>	John Littlehailes
5	<p>Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere)</p> <p>None</p>	
6	<p>Financial Update</p> <p>Kathy Lambert presented the up to date financial position, which is currently very healthy. MV will look at the Gift Aid situation. Staff budgets are under because the HMRC has been overpaid in the past. One person will be no longer contributing to All Saints' since they have moved on. Thanks were given to God for his generosity to us.</p>	Margaret Vaughan
7	<p>Safeguarding</p> <p>A list of those requiring DAB will be produced for the next PCC. Two DBS forms are still outstanding from the PCC. It was pointed out that it is important for them to be dealt with as soon as possible.</p> <p>C1 and C2 course is taking place 21 October at All Saints, with another early next year. A cut-off date for training has been established: all must be</p>	

	completed by the APCM next April. Some volunteers have chosen not to continue in ministries as a result of the requirement for training: the PCC prayed for others to arise, finding a true calling. Prayed, too, that this church will continue to be a safe place for children, and that no malign forces will make this place unhealthy.	Jennifer Brown
8	<p>Wardens' Update</p> <p>The Church Centre boiler is due to be done before the cold weather. The revised Health and Safety Policy is hoped to be ready for the next PCC Jonathan Backhouse has spent many hours working on this, and has revealed the need for some changes. There will be some expenses associated with the results of the review.</p> <p>558a: the tenant is now going to take up residence. Two Monday-Saturday parking spaces will be needed for the use of the tenant: this has been agreed. There will be a notice in place advising this.</p> <p>558b: tenant has moved out, kitchen is almost ready. There is damp in a skirting board, also leaks in the bathroom. These are being dealt with. To date £8,208 spent on the flats, £4,000 has been donated.</p> <p>The men's toilet is smelling: the wardens will investigate.</p>	<p>Martin Howard</p> <p>Karen Killick</p> <p>Martin Howard</p>
9	<p>Parish Share</p> <p>A 5% increase in our Parish Share for the coming year was proposed by the Standing Committee. After a short debate, which included discussion about the need for support for churches hanging on, trying to change the culture, and working towards renewal wherever possible. There will be some churches who are unable to embrace change and they will possibly be closed. Some will be coming here to learn, some have already done so. More people are coming to ordination. God is at work. Proposed by Lucy Falcus that we increase our giving by 5%, seconded by Sue Levan, all in favour.</p>	Kathie Lambert
10	<p>Life Exhibition</p> <p>It is suggested that we hold again a Life Exhibition on June 22nd and through the next week, finishing Thursday 28th. Last year's event was a great success, and opened contacts with various schools. Estimated cost £2,000. It was suggested that we apply for a mission grant towards this as we did last year.</p> <p>All in favour.</p>	Jan Peters
11	<p>Deanery Synod Update</p> <p>Lucy Falcus informed the PCC that July's meeting focussed on the three diocesan priorities- children and young people, poverty and growth. Jared Bredeson from Youth for Christ spoke well giving updates on what they are doing in the North East, Margaret Vaughan spoke on poverty in the deanery and Bill Braviner discussed growth, in numbers and finance.</p> <p>The deanery is also looking at Lay funeral minister training, and diocesan resources to help church finances- Rachel Phillips as Generous Giving Officer, and a parish giving scheme to be introduced in 2018.</p>	
12	<p>REACH</p> <p>Faculty for phase 1 has been approved, and we are out to tender: we shall be receiving quotes later this week. We hope to move to next stage next week. Phases 2, 3, 4 are in hand. Although we understood that we were given an all</p>	

	<p>clear by the bat survey the surveyors identified potential space where bats could be found. This meant that we have had to be resurveyed. We have had a first (dusk) visit but we still need a dawn survey which will take place in May. We can move forward within the planning system, but final approval will be subject to the result of the survey. This will determine what can be done and when. Attention was drawn to the need for temporary accommodation for the library while phase one is under way and until the new space will be ready.</p> <p>The congregation has been asked to choose among designs for the glass section of the new chapel wall. Design A is clearly favoured.</p> <p>The glass door and so on at the entrance to the church will be in place before the second phase, but is not included in phase 1.</p> <p>There may be some diocesan money available towards the costs of the changes.</p>	
13	<p>Funerals</p> <p>John Lambert wishes to conduct funerals of church members, as an important part of his pastoral ministry, but in line with thinking throughout the diocese is happy for other funerals to be conducted by properly trained members of the congregation. Peter Gray would be happy to take on this role, which would require his going on a course to equip him for the task. This needs the consent of the PCC. Proposed by from the chair "That Peter Gray should be supported in this new role". All in favour.</p>	
14	<p>Parking</p> <p>It has been suggested by Ian Taylor that in the light of the restricted parking available to us, the flats on Witham Avenue (who use only a few of their parking places behind the building) might consent to renting out available spaces. Note to users of the eight flats – Would you rent your parking space for £1/Sunday 9am-1pm? Designate these for specific worshippers? PCC felt that this would be worth trying.</p>	John Lambert
15	<p>AOB</p> <p>Next Meeting 16 October 2017. Pamela Rushton offered to lead the opening period of prayer and reflection at that meeting.</p> <p>The Meeting finished at 21.07 with the Grace.</p>	