



All Saints' Church

Preston on Tees

**Minutes of the PCC Meeting on Monday 15 December 2014,
19.30 at 22 Dunottar Avenue, Eaglescliffe, TS16 0AB**

	Present	Action
	<p>Terry Doyle, Gill Clayton, Lucy Falcus, Karen Killick, Jenny Lewis, John Littlehailes, Stuart Main, Bruce Merrick, Sarah Pocock, Pam Rushton, David Warren, Charlotte Benjamin.</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> John Lambert</p>	
1	<p>Opening Reflections and Prayers</p> <p>Lucy Falcus showed the PCC a short video about Advent, emphasising the message of preparing, hoping and waiting and pointing out that the stress of buying presents, sending cards, planning for the perfect day for the family and so on means that we are missing the point of Advent.</p> <p>The PCC divided into three groups for prayer: thinking about what good things have happened during the past year, and about the promise of the year to come.</p>	
2	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Mark Harrison, Margaret Vaughan.</p>	
3	<p>Approval of minutes of the meeting of 17 November 2014</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of 17 November were approved by all.</p>	
4	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>i) Jenny Lewis has received a letter from the Garfield Weston Trust, about some new Charity Awards they are putting in place offering core funding and subsequent mentoring for work among children and other groups. The letter will be passed to the Staff team for their consideration.</p> <p>ii) Kathryn Belmont has written to the PCC asking for help with the replacement of a table tennis table and a pool table. The total cost of these is £498, a sum which would be hard to carry within the Youth work budget. John Lambert has suggested to her that the money could be raised through grants, most probably via the Diocesan "Micro Grant" system.</p> <p>John Lambert proposed from the chair that we raise the Youth work budget for 2015 by £500, provided that she seeks grant money, and that this should then be put into the General funds.</p> <p>Agreed unanimously</p>	<p>Jenny Lewis</p> <p>Terry Doyle</p>
5	<p>Matters arising not covered elsewhere in the agenda</p> <p>5.1 Terry Doyle is still seeking a replacement. There is one good candidate who is thinking and praying about the suggestion.</p> <p>The PCC paused for prayer that the candidate should receive God's clear guidance in his decision.</p> <p>5.2) In May next year the date selected for the PCC meeting clashes with the Archdeacon's Visitation Day. This will be the first meeting of the new PCC, and</p>	<p>Terry Doyle</p>

	<p>it was felt important that John Lambert and the Church Wardens should be present, so the PCC decided to hold the May PCC on Tuesday 12 May rather than 11 May as originally planned.</p> <p>5.3) The Konika Minolta printer will shortly be replaced by a Canon colour printer on a five year contract. Stuart Main gave details of the differences in pricing.</p>	<p>John Littlehailes</p> <p>Stuart Main</p>
6	<p>Safeguarding</p> <p>Karen Killick reported that there had been one issue in the previous year around the area of the Mothers and Toddlers, which had been successfully resolved within our own community.</p> <p>John Lambert talked of his concerns around the issue of small children suddenly needing to visit the toilet when their parent was not nearby (an incident at Messy Church). It was agreed that a child must be put into the care of his or her parent, who would be free to delegate the care to a helper, or deal with it themselves.</p>	
7	<p>Financial Update</p> <p>Terry Doyle discussed the accounts to the end of November. We have a surplus of £9,444, as opposed to a budgeted loss of £4,663. There was expressed, generally, gratitude for God’s help. Thanks were given to Terry for his continuing work on our finances.</p>	<p>Terry Doyle</p>
8	<p>MDT Vision</p> <p>Since the visit of Bishop Paul, the MDT has been considering the appropriate actions for us to take in the light of his message of bringing “Blessing to our Communities” and trying to prioritise these. A paper from them outlining their thinking was discussed by the PCC.</p> <p>The discussions were wide ranging, from our role as a resource church within the locality, to proposals for setting up, (or taking part in), a food bank: both Stockton and the TVCC already have these in action. There was concern as to how we identify the neediest in our area, both among the poor and the elderly. The PCC also identified the need for publicity, for the services we are able to provide, to reach those in need. The Community “In Touch” was identified as having been very useful.</p>	
9	<p>Budget 2015</p> <p>Terry Doyle described in detail the Budget paper which he had sent to the PCC. Some modifications were agreed: the Connect Ministry budget to increase to £1,400 (from £350), the Youth work budget to increase by £500 to £3,000 (see item 4.2 above), the training budget increased to £750, and the Income expected from fees raised to £1,500. There was also an additional £600 attributed to the visiting speaker budget, to allow for a further Youth Volunteer to follow Ashley Mix.</p> <p>Proposed by John Littlehailes “That the PCC accept the proposed Budget with these modifications”.</p> <p>Seconded by Stuart Main. Passed without dissent, and with thanks to Terry.</p>	<p>Terry Doyle</p>
10	<p>AOB</p> <p>John Lambert offered to lead the reflection and prayers at the next PCC on Monday 19.01.15, and the meeting finished with The Lord’s Prayer.</p>	