



All Saints' Church

Preston on Tees

Minutes of the PCC Meeting on Monday 23rd January 2017

19.30 at 22 Dunottar Avenue, Eaglescliffe, TS16 0AB

	Present	Action
	Lucy Falcus, Simon Honeywell, Martin Howard, Karen Killick, Kathie Lambert, Sue Levan, John Littlehailes, Sarah Pocock, Pam Rushton, Richard Spratt, Margaret Vaughan, David Warren. <u>Chair:</u> John Lambert	
1	Opening Reflections and Prayers Kathie Lambert said that she had decided to let the Bible speak for itself, keeping in mind the phrases, "God is in charge, God is in control" as she read from Romans 12.3-8, 'For by the grace given to me I say to every one of you....one body: each belongs to all the others....various gifts described. Our responsibility is to use our individual talents but with humility and with love. 1 Cor. 13...'but have not love.' Matthew 6.8 'Why do you worry about clothes...Solomon in all his splendour... Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, do not worry about tomorrow...' The PCC then broke into small groups to pray about the wisdom Kathie had pointed out and finished the time of prayer by singing 'Praise to the Lord'.	
2	Apologies for Absence Kay Adeboye, Jennifer Brown, Jenny Lewis, Bruce Merrick.	
3	Approval of minutes of the meeting of 12 December 2016 The minutes of the meeting of 12 December were approved with two minor corrections. 3 Abstentions, none against.	
4	Correspondence A letter has been received from Jeremy Atkinson and Gill Wake. They informed the PCC that despite extensive advertising the Community Bank had had no clients since it was established in All Saints. As from 16 December 2016, they were therefore closing it. The PCC had approved its establishment, and as a courtesy they were now being informed of its ending.	
5	Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere)	
5.1	Charlotte Benjamin, when leaving the Staff Management Team (SMT) had suggested that Geraldine Donegan would be a good replacement for her on the team. Approached by John Lambert she was very pleased to have been asked, and is a very good candidate for the SMT, who are very happy to welcome her into the group.	
5.2	(re: item 12) John Lambert has spoken to Jan Peters after the recent discussions in the PCC. John Lambert pointed out to the PCC that she has started the year very well.	
5.3	(re item 9: Boilers) We have had a quote from Matt Grange for the replacement of the Tower boiler as well as the Kitchen and Coffee Lounge boilers. The prices quoted were for the tower: £2,875; for the kitchen: £5,432; and for	

5.4	<p>the coffee lounge: £6,284 (in fact for two boilers to replace the old one. They are promised to be much smaller and much more efficient than the old one.) This price is for the simultaneous installation of the boilers, and includes VAT and guarantees. He has quoted a reduction of 5% (£729.55) to give a total cost of £13,861.45, if all are done at the same time.</p> <p>While the PCC felt this was very good value, we still require at least one more quote.</p> <p>The PCC asked if staging the installation of the boilers (given the discussions going on about re-ordering) would have a significant effect on these prices. (re item 11) Vacancies: the vacancy in the Country Parish has been filled by Claire Gibbs, and that at St. Peter's Yarm Road by Bill Braviner. This leaves two vacancies in the Billingham Parish.</p>	
6	<p>Financial Update</p> <p>Kathie Lambert distributed draft income and expenditure statements for the past year. These are almost complete, and she envisages little change. The finances are in good shape, with a surplus of the order of £3,000 at the year end. For the first time, the income has topped £200,000 in total. There will be some adjustment of the Mission Giving tithe to follow.</p> <p>Kathie thanked John Belmont and especially Margaret Vaughan for their help at the year end.</p> <p>She is having some problems dealing with the new pensions regime, and John Belmont will be assisting with this.</p> <p>Thanks were given to Kathie, Jennifer and all the team for their work on our finances.</p>	<p>Kathie Lambert Jennifer Brown</p> <p>John Belmont</p>
7	<p>Safeguarding</p> <p>Jennifer Brown had sent her apologies. In her absence there was raised the question of the promised new locking system at the top of the doors into the Hall. This is not yet in place.</p> <p>On a related topic, the return of children to church in the 10.30 service, there have been difficulties in getting the timing of the return right. It was felt that the Wardens at the back of church would be asked to give those in the library a ten minute warning, and that John Lambert would nominate people within the church to inform those in the Centre at the same time. The time for this warning will be included on the sheet describing the service.</p>	<p>Jennifer Brown</p>
8	<p>Reordering of the church</p> <p>Martin Howard reported back to the PCC on the meeting of the re-ordering group held early in January.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) They looked at the interim plans submitted by David Beaumont (DB), which have been posted within the church. These did not include a new frontage for the coffee lounge etc., mainly glazed, which would do away with the present coffee lounge structure. While the council might ask for this to be retained, it was felt best to go for what we really want initially. There will be also a suggestion presented to DB for large sliding doors on the south side of the church, while keeping the main door in its present place. 2) Missing from the drawings is a door and wall across the end of the 	

	<p>combined library and office spaces.</p> <p>3) The group has produced the 'Statement of Need' and the 'Impact Statement' required before we can progress further.</p> <p>The point was made within the PCC that in the statement of need, the light and airiness of the 'new' chapel should be emphasised to contrast with the described darkness of the 'old'.</p> <p>The question was also raised of the substantial cost of moving the North wall for a few more seats. It was pointed out that the church would gain from more seating, but also that to move the wall would give a quite different shape and feel to the church. We await the costings.</p> <p>The question of parking space was discussed, and while no conclusion was reached this remains as a probable hurdle for us to surmount before we can gain approval from the council for our plans.</p> <p>The DAC meets in February, and it suggested that we present to them our plan, and get feedback from them.</p> <p>There will be an Extraordinary meeting 18 March for the plans to be discussed and hopefully approved by the whole church.</p>	Reordering Group
9	<p>Drivers' Bank Policy Document</p> <p>In Jennifer Brown's absence, this item was postponed to the next meeting.</p>	Jennifer Brown John Littlehailes
10	<p>Church Wardens' Roles</p> <p>John Lambert outlined the increasingly complex role of the church wardens, and suggested which tasks were core tasks and which could be delegated. Some are already largely delegated. Margaret Vaughan added to the list of core responsibilities the 'Pastoral well-being of the clergy'. Since we shall soon be seeking a new Churchwarden (at the APCM) this matter will be raised at the next PCC, for further discussion. John Lambert has approached a possible candidate for the role, they are thinking about it.</p>	John Littlehailes
11	<p>PCC for 2017/18</p> <p>John Lambert asked those present to think about possible candidates for the PCC elections. He also asked the current members if they were going to stand for the next PCC. None present said they were not. Bruce Merrick had indicated in his note of apology that he would be standing neither for the Deanery Synod nor for the PCC for the coming year.</p>	All
12	<p>MDT</p> <p>John Lambert gave to the members of the PCC a list of potential MDT members, and asked for the views of the PCC as far as they were able to give them.</p> <p>Lately the MDT has been looking at a book on Church Growth, a task which will be finished soon.</p> <p>They will then be looking at the newer members of the church, with the aim of helping them to develop their gifts within ministries in the church.</p>	All
12	<p>AOB</p> <p>Karen Killick volunteered to do the Opening Reflections and Prayers at the February Meeting on Monday 20 February.</p>	Karen

	The meeting finished with the Grace.	Killick
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