



# All Saints' Church

Preston on Tees

Minutes of the PCC Meeting on Monday 17 September 2018,  
19.30 at 22 Dunottar Avenue, Eaglescliffe, TS16 0AB

	<b>Present</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Kay Adeboye, Paul Arnold, Debbie Bunford, Lucy Falcus, Lawrence Gnanaraj, Simon Honeywell, Martin Howard, Sue Levan, John Littlehailes, Pamela Rushton, Ian Taylor, David Warren. <u>Chair:</u> John Lambert	
<b>1</b>	<b>Opening Reflections and Prayer</b> John Lambert referred the PCC to Colossians 4, and the sense of ministries being shared among the communities, and also the qualities of these early Christians. He read chapter 4.7, to the end of the chapter. Members of the PCC looked at individual verses and shared the good things (and the one ambiguous comment): the early Christians vouched for each other, willing to support one another. Dear and faithful brothers, clearly a close-knit community. Interestingly Mark started badly, the missionary journey on which Mark decided to go home annoying Paul, but later becomes well spoken of. Demas starts well but later abandons Paul. Better to start badly but finish well. We need to keep the faith: start well, and finish well, eyes fixed on Jesus. John then led the PCC in prayer.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Kathie Lambert, Stuart Levin, Richard Spratt, Margaret Vaughan, Nicola Wrightson.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Minutes of previous Meetings</b> Minutes of the meeting of 17 July 2018 were approved, with the addition of Paul Arnold to the list of those present. All in favour with two abstentions.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> Karen Killick had a letter from our local MP Paul Williams' aide asking if he could use the hall here for meeting his constituents. He made the point that he would be acting as the Constituency MP and not as a Labour politician. After some discussion it was agreed to proceed with it as a hiring of our facilities, though it does represent a change of view from a previous decision, and we shall continue to allow this for future MPs who request it, whatever their political affiliation.	<b>Karen Killick</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere on the Agenda)</b> Martin Howard has looked at alternative card payment options. There is a card reader available (using a 1.75% rate) for a few tens of pounds. The Church Suite approach might be better for some of our internal payments. The PCC felt that we should go forward with a card reader for some of the payments. It was suggested that we might use a card reader from Barclays, our current bank. The PCC agreed that the Martin should proceed with the purchase of a card reader.	<b>Martin Howard</b>

6	<p><b>Financial Update</b></p> <p>John Littlehailes presented the accounts on Kathie’s behalf. Various questions were raised and answered at the meeting. Thanks were given to Kathie for her continuing work.</p>	
7	<p><b>Safeguarding</b></p> <p>John Littlehailes reported that Nicola Wrightson had no significant event to bring to the PCC.</p>	
8	<p><b>Wardens’ Update</b></p> <p>Martin Howard told the PCC that over the summer various maintenance tasks were completed, largely painting of the flats and the bargeboards of the church. The Youth Room has been redecorated and reorganised. Some of the children’s work materials have been relocated, to give a much more useful space in the redecorated Youth Room.</p>	
9	<p><b>558a and 558b</b></p> <p>The commercial let is going well. The downstairs flat became available mid-August. The commercial let (Joe) asked to take it on: this would involve a change of use. He suggested that he might be interested in buying the downstairs. This raises the possibility of selling the properties. There is a continuing need for maintenance of the flats, and if we were to sell we would raise money towards the REACH project. If we sold, we would have no control over its occupancy, there would be a loss of income, and there might be some problem over the parking. There may be complications also as to whether we could sell the flats and not include half the car park! The transfer documents are signed by the diocese as well as the other parties: does the diocese have a share of the monies? The income from the flats has been positive over the years, nevertheless the roof may need repair soon. Concerns were raised over the possible loss of control over the occupants of the bottom flat, or all the space were we to sell. The mood of the PCC was against any sale. It was agreed that we should approach Joe about his suggestion that he rents the ground floor from us, and we should investigate the costs of reconversion.</p>	<p><b>Martin Howard</b></p> <p><b>Karen Killick</b></p>
10	<p><b>Parish Share</b></p> <p>John Lambert talked to the PCC about the Parish Share and the letter from the Bishop Paul. Originally the proposed target for this year was a 6% increase, but this year will in fact be budgeted on the basis of a 5% increase. In the light of our increased giving John Lambert proposed from the chair that the Parish Share be increased by 5%. All in Favour.</p>	<p><b>John Lambert for Kathie Lambert</b></p>
11	<p><b>REACH</b></p> <p>The new room has been completed, with a little work still remaining. Phase 1a: the application for the faculty for the new boiler system went in and the DAC asked for further information. Rather than await the final decision we have been advised to proceed with the notices while awaiting their final response. By the 9 October we hope to go ahead as planned.</p> <p>Phases 2 and 4: we have put in a complete application, and depending upon these responses we should have some feedback about the next stages. A neighbour has written to houses in the area a letter complaining about the</p>	

	<p>church and objecting to the proposals. Two objections have so far been lodged, one from London. John Lambert has drafted a reply for the Council giving our point of view.</p> <p>Phase 3: the chapel/chancel: we are proposing to move to this next. We await detailed plans from David Beaumont and his quote for managing the work. We shall also need a plan for lighting. When we have this information we shall go once more to the DAC for a faculty. The church will be rewired as part of the overall plan for the new space. There are issues yet to be resolved over the pulpit and choir stalls and the dedicated items. This is in hand. There is £25,000 (from the sale of the front of 558 Yarm Road) held in a restricted account: we would like to allocate this money towards the REACH project. The Diocese has already agreed to grant us £4,000 towards the heating.</p>	<p><b>REACH Team</b></p>
12	<p><b>Sandra's Hours</b></p> <p>Sandra wishes to reduce her hours after Derek's retirement: it is suggested that we move to two part-time posts, 12 hours for Sandra and 10 hours for someone else, (as yet unknown). There are details still to be worked out. The PCC agreed to go forward with the exploration of the proposal. JL proposed from the chair that we move to the employment of two people, accepting that there would be an additional cost to the church of £900 or so per annum. Passed unanimously.</p>	<p><b>John Lambert</b></p>
12	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>The new room will be called the Meeting Room.</p> <p>The coffee lounge will be called, for the moment, the temporary chapel.</p> <p>Brass plaques removed church walls during Phase 1 will be resituated where they were.</p> <p>The photos of past Vicars will be placed in the office.</p> <p>Photocopier: discussions with Document Solutions (a local company) have been held. They will remove the photocopier, replacing it and supporting us in the use of the replacement. Given the state of the present photocopier it is suggested that we should proceed with this for an annual increase of £400. The PCC agreed to go forward with the proposal subject to positive references for the company.</p> <p>Pamela Rushton offered to provide the Opening Reflections and Prayers at the next meeting: <b>Monday 22 October 2018.</b></p> <p>The meeting finished with prayer and the Grace.</p>	<p><b>John Lambert</b></p>