



All Saints' Church

Preston on Tees

Minutes of the PCC Meeting on Tuesday 11 December 2018

19.30 at 22 Dunottar Avenue, Eaglescliffe, TS16 0AB

	Present	Action
	Paul Arnold, Debbie Bunford, Lucy Falcus, Simon Honeywell, Martin Howard, Karen Killick, Kathie Lambert, Sue Levan, Stuart Levin, John Littlehailes, Pamela Rushton, Richard Spratt, Ian Taylor, Margaret Vaughan, David Warren, Nicola Wrightson. <u>Chair</u> : John Lambert.	
1	Opening Reflections and Prayer Before the meeting started, John and Kathie provided some wine and soft drinks to mark the Advent period. John Lambert gave a toast to mark the end of the year of PCC discussions. Mince pies and chocolate angels accompanied the wine. Paul Arnold said that he had been following a Bible study on Advent, and he was struck by the image of Mary used, at the Annunciation. Mary is troubled and worried, but looking directly at the angel, joyfully accepting God's will for her. His text, Luke 1.46-55 (the Magnificat) was read by Pamela Rushton. We are all still waiting for the arrival of a child: always on tenterhooks. Paul asked the PCC, in small groups, to think about what we might be afraid God could be asking us to do during the coming year, commenting that right now we are on the verge of a huge change, Mary will be giving birth, with the world on the edge of being changed. He then asked us to write down the fears that we had expressed and then see in a year's time what actually had happened. Some fears were shared. There is a risk that through fear we may ignore the prompting of God. The PCC was then led in prayer.	
2	Apologies for absence Lawrence Gnanaraj, Kay Adeboye.	
3	Minutes of previous Meetings Minutes of the meeting of 19 November 2018 were approved. All in favour save one abstention.	
4	Correspondence None.	
5	Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere on the Agenda) None.	
6	Financial Update The figures had been received by the PCC, but since then two points have arisen: 1) the present figure given for Gift Aid in the general fund may be in error to the tune of £500, due to difficulties in its allocation: the money is still, of course, within the church's income. 2) Craig had been asked to	

	<p>investigate the Solar Panel income. At a point E.ON failed to register some of the incoming money: this will be sorted by February. We have a guarantee for the longer term of income from this source for a further 10 years.</p> <p>The Lord has been good to us and thanks were given to all who contribute, including a sung doxology of praise to God. Kathie told the PCC that we have someone interested in taking up the role of the Assistant Treasurer.</p>	Kathie Lambert
7	<p>Safeguarding</p> <p>Nicola Wrightson said that there was nothing of note to report. There was no item from the members of the PCC.</p>	
8	<p>Wardens' Update</p> <p>Karen Killick told the PCC that Neil Sweeting says that the slate roofing is in reasonable condition. A couple of slates need replacing which would require scaffolding. We've had one quote which is high.</p> <p>Work on the Youth Room is progressing well. There has been a general tidying up of the outside of the church. The trees are yet to be dealt with. There are quotes being sought for lighting in the foyer and in the men's toilets. We may need a new toilet in one of the men's facilities.</p>	Wardens
9	<p>REACH</p> <p>Richard Spratt commented that while we do have approval for the heating, we still await the physical paper to allow us to continue. We are trying to deal with issues of parking for Phases 2 and 4. Using space under the trees at the east end is contentious and there's a risk of rejection. We may have to use the space which is currently grassed at the south west corner. David Beaumont has produced possible layouts for such parking. We meet next Monday to talk to the Highways people. We have a planning extension to allow us time to resolve these issues.</p> <p>Ideally, Phase 3 is to be put in hand next year, so a faculty will be needed for submission by the beginning of January 2019. (We need a submission as early as possible, since the DAC is very busy). There was discussion about the inscriptions and their preservation on 'Mouseman' furniture, and John Lambert talked of ways forward. Proposed by Richard Spratt that "That the PCC approves the request for a faculty to proceed with the Phase 3 work". Seconded by Kathie Lambert. All in favour.</p> <p>The PCC prayed for the project, giving thanks to God for the work to date, knowing that the decision is ultimately in God's hands. We pray for all those who will be involved in making the decision, and that we will be able to make a change which will ultimately give glory to God for generations to come. Prayers were said for the REACH Group, and prayer, too, for unity within the church whatever the outcome.</p>	Richard Spratt
10	<p>AOB</p> <p>1. Paul Arnold addressed the PCC about the note he had sent to them. He went over the key points. The proposal is for a sabbatical for Jan Peters in early 2019: she has had no sabbatical time during the eighteen years she has been in paid work for All Saints'. The aim of the sabbatical is to have a period of renewal and refreshment, including exploring new developments</p>	

