



All Saints' Church

Preston on Tees

Minutes of the PCC Meeting on Monday 17 June 2019,
19.30 at 22 Dunottar Avenue, Eaglescliffe, TS16 0AB

| | Present | Action |
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| | Paul Arnold, Debbie Bunford, Lucy Falcus, Simon Honeywell, Martin Howard, Lawrence Gnanaraj, Karen Killick, Kathie Lambert, Scott Linnett, John Littlehailes, Pamela Rushton, Ian Taylor, John Taylor, Margaret Vaughan, David Warren, Nicola Wrightson. Chair: John Lambert. | |
| 1 | Opening Reflections and Prayers Margaret Vaughan spoke about her chosen text, Romans 8.26. We often do not know how to encapsulate prayer, or indeed what to pray for, but the Spirit intercedes for us. Situations can seem too big, messy, and complicated for us to formulate what seems to us an appropriate prayer. She thought that it would be good for us as a PCC to pray recognising that we do not quite know what we ought to pray for. The PCC broke into small groups of three to express this in prayer. | |
| 2 | Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Conflicts of Interest Apologies have been received from Richard Spratt. A conflict of Interest was declared by Nicola Wrightson for item 10. | |
| 3 | Approval of the Minutes of 20 May 2019. The May Minutes were accepted with two abstentions, none against. | |
| 4 | Correspondence None. | |
| 5 | Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere on the Agenda) Paul Arnold will be writing an article about the principle of the Resource Church to help the congregation to understand what may lie ahead for us. | Paul Arnold |
| 6 | Financial Update Kathie Lambert thanked Richard Spratt for taking over in her absence. He has changed and elaborated the budgetary items. The amount of Gift Aid received is over what we have budgeted: some seems to have come through from Gift Aid to REACH. The solar panel figure is high, but this is due to money coming in from last year. The flow of money coming back from our solar yield is sporadic, but we are in the hands of others. The children's money is significantly underspent. It is being carefully monitored and there is plenty of money already in the account available to spend. There is money in hand within the budget for a new keyboard. Money has not yet been received from Durham for the Barbeque to be held at St. Pauls, Newtown: it has been spent by us, and Kathie will follow this up. Thanks were given to Kathie Lambert and Richard Spratt for their work on the budgets. | Kathie Lambert |
| 7 | Safeguarding Report Nicola has created a safeguarding email address, and this will be publicised in the pew sheet. | John Littlehailes |

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| | She reported that she is going to check what level of DBS checking is required for each member of the PCC. There were no further issues raised. | |
| 8 | <p>Wardens' Update</p> <p>Martin Howard reported on routine maintenance issues. The various taps are all working. The Narthex windows will be sanded and stained over the next few weeks. Trees: we still await approval from Stockton for the arborist's proposed work. In the flats, the 558a tenant asked to be allowed to make modifications: he has made a good job of it. We still await further quotes for the 558b heating and the gas supply. We shall be improving the windows of the flats; in the immediate future just the downstairs windows will be double glazed, since the tenants have complained about cold draughts. We have a quote for £2,250 including VAT. We shall also be dealing with the windows in the chapel for £250. There is no requirement for a like for like replacement, and since this is a repair, no faculty is needed. Proposed by Martin Howard that the PCC approve the sum of £2,500 to be spent on these. All in favour.</p> | Martin Howard |
| 9 | <p>REACH</p> <p>In the absence of Richard Spratt, John Lambert said that the REACH committee has recently met with David Beaumont asking for delivery of phase 3 within this year. There is a design problem around the chancel support for the stained glass: a portal frame is perhaps no longer needed, and there is discussion ongoing. If there is no progress by end of the month we shall have to move to the portal system anyway. Technical specifications for the sockets were established. There was discussion about the new heating system. Three subcontractors have been named and some main contractors. We hope to have submissions from potential contractors and agreement to proceed by the end of August. The Baptistry site will be under the arch, which goes down to the foundation layer which is structurally important. We shall be digging outside to establish the depth of the foundations. The Team has been looking at the finances for phase 3. It is likely that there will be a need for the transfer of funds from the general fund to allow phase three to continue. We hope that the baptistry may be supported by an outside gift. During the Phase 3 work there will be a lot of dust, and the capacity of the church will be reduced during this period. Communion rail in the new arrangement will be portable. The ceilings and wall will need redecoration perhaps painting the roof of the Nave in a light colour, but probably continuing with a re-varnishing of the chancel roof. It was noted that all the Devin Walker debts to subcontractors have now been paid by the church. Thanks were given for the work of the team, and the PCC prayed about the whole of the project, both the practical and the spiritual aspects.</p> | REACH Team |
| 10 | <p>Staff Management Team</p> <p>Debbie Bunford said that the Diocese, unlike some other dioceses, has no facility to provide Human Resources advice, which she said was needed to prevent things going wrong. She said that, for example, it was important to be able to provide advice for the people setting up church plants. Margaret</p> | |

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| | <p>Vaughan pointed out that any Resource Church bid which goes ahead will have money within the grants for just this purpose. David Tomlinson will be helping the Priest-in-Charge of new plants, though his role is not yet entirely clear. Youth for Christ did have access to HR advice, and it was suggested that there may be approaches to their advisors.</p> <p>There was no SMT issue raised.</p> | |
| <p>11</p> | <p>AOB</p> <p>Lawrence Gnanaraj said that we need more helpers for the children’s ministry: sometimes there are just not enough helpers for the number of children present. He suggested that there be an appeal from John Lambert, who was happy to pick this up. It was said that many of the Youth want to know how they can be more involved in the church and could they be involved in the children’s ministry on the Sundays? Prayer Ministry training is an annual affair; it was suggested that there could be a Youth Ministry training day to make people more confident in picking up the needed tasks. This is to be placed on next month’s agenda for a fuller discussion.</p> <p>It was said that there is a need for people to concentrate on the serving ministries, especially as we become a Resource Church: a message not always coming across. “How can we use your gifts within the church?”</p> <p>During the next months we shall be looking at the final chapters of Romans a very practical part of the letter, which will address this question.</p> <p>The next Meeting of the PCC will be on Monday 15 July 2019. Pamela Rushton offered to lead the period of reflection and prayer then. The meeting ended with the Grace.</p> | <p>John Littlehailes</p> <p>Pamela Rushton</p> |