



All Saints' Church

Preston on Tees

Minutes of the PCC Meeting on Monday 21 October 2019,

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, John Littlehailes, Scott Linnett, Richard Spratt, John Taylor, Margaret Vaughan, David Warren, Nicola Wrightson. <u>Chair:</u> John Lambert.	
1	Opening Reflections and Prayers Kathie Lambert led the period of reflection. She has been thinking lately about discipleship, leadership and mentorship, and about how in a resource church <u>every</u> member needs to be ready to give out. She read from Ephesians 4.11-16, and said that as she has been given a leadership role, so has all the PCC, and that we need to give out to bring more people to discipleship. Thinking about this passage, Francis Chan said "While it is true that the pastors and so on in the New Testament made disciples, it was the task of everyone, and the church only functioned properly when all took part". She asked that the PCC pray together for guidance as to whom <u>we</u> should individually be mentoring, so that our individual ministries would be picked up to continue the work. In groups of four, we did so.	
2	Apologies for Absence, and Declaration of Conflicts of Interest Apologies had been received from Lawrence Gnanaraj, Pamela Rushton, Ian Taylor and Stuart Levin. Nicola Wrightson declared an interest in item 10.	
3	Approval of Minutes of meeting 18th September 2019 These minutes were agreed with two amendments, and with one abstention.	
4	Correspondence No correspondence had been received.	
5	Matters Arising not otherwise covered in the Agenda The monies agreed for Mission giving have been sent. The Resource Church documents discussed at the last PCC have been sent to the central Church.	
6	Financial Update and Parish Share Kathie Lambert pointed out that in the paper already circulated to the PCC we were still awaiting two months of Gift Aid money. She also said that although we did not yet have details of the number of members using the new Parish Giving Scheme, it was clear that the amount arriving in this way was rising. The intention of buying screens for the Centre has been dropped. Discussions continue around the issue of money coming into the church via Toddlers, Play and Praise, Messy Church, the Youth work and Connect. We are at present just ahead of the budget.	

	<p>As to the Parish Share, which was discussed briefly at the last meeting, Kathie pointed out for information that the present annual share was £96,642, and that a 5% increase would bring this to £101,474, and that giving so far this year was only up by the order of 1%: less than inflation. After further discussion, the PCC voted by dividing down the length of the Narthex: the great majority felt that 5% would be appropriate.</p> <p>John Lambert proposed from the chair "That this PCC agrees that there should be a 5% increase in our Parish Share giving." Agreed by all.</p>	<p>Kathie Lambert Richard Spratt</p>
7	<p>Safeguarding Report and Volunteers and Drivers Bank</p> <p>Nicola Wrightson thanked God that there were no new safeguarding concerns raised during the past month.</p> <p>She presented to the PCC the lists for the volunteers and the drivers bank. DBS checks continue.</p> <p>It was pointed out that three of the volunteers were too young to take full responsibility, but could certainly accompany drivers.</p> <p>The PCC believed that the list was incomplete, and Nicola said she would go back to the compilers of the individual contributions with this question, and she will return with an amended list if further people are added. If members of the PCC know of anyone whom they know should be on the list they are to email the names to Nicola.</p> <p>There was once more discussion of the issues around insurance. Nicola will be ensuring that the information is made available to drivers.</p>	<p>All Nicola Wrightson</p>
8	<p>Wardens' Update</p> <p>Martin Howard told the PCC that the double glazing and installation of electrical heating in the flat was now complete. This has revealed some damp caused by poor ventilation, and this is being investigated. A quote for replacing the (narrow) door has come in at £563.</p> <p>Martin also reported a theft from the youth room. The security of items within this room is being considered. A claim (for approximately £900) is with our insurers, who have agreed a reduced effect on our no claims bonus provided there is no further theft this year.</p>	
9	<p>REACH</p> <p>Richard Spratt elaborated on the paper already circulated. Were we to continue with Phase 3 in full we would have a shortfall of about £40,000 or £45,000, and we could shave some money off this (about £6,500) using the cheapest quote, from a contractor recommended by our architect, these figures being valid until early January.</p> <p>After discussion it was agreed that now that we have some firm figures, we should go back to the congregations on 17 November, to tell them where we stand.</p>	<p>John Lambert</p>
10	<p>Staff Management Team</p> <p>Debbie Bunford reported that the discussions spoken of at the last meeting continue.</p>	
11	<p>Budget 2020</p> <p>Kathie Lambert presented to the PCC the budget she and Richard Spratt have compiled. She noted that we shall need during next year a 7.5%</p>	

	increase in giving in order to match the Parish Share agreed earlier, with the new requirements given in the budget. After some discussion of various issues it was agreed that the budget be brought to the PCC for agreement at the November meeting.	Kathie Lambert Richard Spratt
12	Rent Increases Karen Killick spoke to the paper already circulated. It was agreed after some discussion that the room rentals should rise by 50 pence/hour, and that there should be informal individual discussions with our tenants, with the suggestion that the rent for 558A rises by £10 per month to £360, and that of 558B by £5 to £385 per month.	Karen Killick
13	AOB The next Meeting of the PCC will be on Monday 18 November 2019 . Lucy Falcus offered to do the reflections for that meeting, and Karen Killick offered to do the same at the December meeting. The meeting finished with the singing of a hymn.	