



All Saints' Church

Preston on Tees

Minutes of the PCC Meeting on Monday 18 November 2019,

19.30 at 22 Dunottar Avenue, Eaglescliffe, TS16 0AB

	Present	Action
	<p>Paul Arnold, Debbie Bunford, Lucy Falcus, Lawrence Gnanaraj, Simon Honeywell, Martin Howard, Karen Killick Kathie Lambert, John Littlehailes, Scott Linnett, Richard Spratt, Margaret Vaughan, David Warren, Nicola Wrightson. <u>Chair:</u> John Lambert. Visitors: Jan Peters and Chris Peters</p>	
1	<p>Opening Reflections and Prayers</p> <p>Lucy Falcus led the period of reflection. She picked up a theme from Waymark '19: Ambition and Success. She showed a video lasting about 4 minutes. Christ's death appeared to be a failure, but was the greatest triumph ever. Success and failure are close bedfellows. Not everything that can be counted counts, and what counts perhaps cannot be counted. There are good and bad reasons for counting. Bad reasons: being caught up by obsession with numbers. (After a church event, how many were there? Rounding church numbers by 10%... keeping an eye on the numbers in other churches) second reason: we are anxious and afraid. Bonhoeffer pointed out that there is no link between numbers and true success in a church. Thirdly, how do we know if we are successful, and how do we even know we are trying to do the right things? The PCC then broke into small groups to pray around this issue.</p>	
2	<p>Report on Children's and Family Ministry</p> <p>Jan Peters was welcomed by John Lambert. She referred the PCC to the paper she had prepared for us. She thanked the PCC for the chance given her by the time spent in a sabbatical.</p> <p>Something good from this was contact with the Oakwood Centre: there are now good links with them in the area of children's work. One really good thing in Jan's year was helping children reading, and getting to know them, really know them. The work she did with the Holiday Hunger Clubs were very rewarding, and a wonderful contribution to society around us. It was a joy to be working with others in this way. Within her ministry more help is needed, as the numbers in the groups have been growing.</p> <p>Jan is now spending more time in Trailblazers. The past term has been based on "Mission Possible", She showed an excellent video, full of fun, made with the Trailblazers. The aim was to help the children to know what is going on locally and across the world, encouraging them towards mission. People involved in children's ministry across the area are meeting: Jan is in touch with Anne from Oakwood who is acting as a coordinator. They are discussing the possibility of working together in setting up clubs within schools. Neil Jackson: "Diary of a Disciple" is something to work on in schools.</p> <p>Outreach to families:</p>	

	<p>Messy Church has been running for 6½ years, and it has provided a very important outreach, a next step for parents and carers to learn more about Jesus.</p> <p>From January, there will be “Discovery Church”, an opportunity for those from Messy Church and from Mothers and Toddlers to go rather deeper, using the ALF course. Start with a one hour of crafts then move on to a café style fun time. Then a service going rather deeper, a chance for testimony and hoping to bring families to Jesus. Jan asked the PCC to pray for this. Play and Praise continues well. John and Hazel Taylor, Caroline Davis, Jayne Davies and Jan are chatting and finding opportunities for prayer with the adults: this is becoming more and more common: there is lots of ministry for adults as well as the children. A wonderful chance to share with them. There was a video of worship at the Friday service at Play and Praise. Many who come are not Christians, and this provides an opportunity for them to learn about our faith. The question was asked “If Jan wanted one thing from the church what would that be?” She replied “prayer, and especially more people to help”, (The Trailblazers team is in great need of some more help).</p> <p>Kathie prayed for the ministry and for those helpers who were ill, and guidance for Jan in her search for others to be involved in this work. The PCC thanked Jan for her contribution, and all were agreed that her ministry was of the greatest importance.</p>	
3	<p>Apologies for Absence, and Declaration of Conflicts of Interest</p> <p>Apologies had been received from Stuart Levin, Pamela Rushton, Ian Taylor and John Taylor.</p> <p>Nicola Wrightson declared an interest in item 12.</p>	
4	<p>Approval of Minutes of meeting 21st October 2019</p> <p>These minutes were agreed with one amendment, and with one abstention.</p>	
5	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>No correspondence had been received. Karen Killick is in correspondence with our insurers.</p>	
6	<p>Matters Arising not otherwise covered in the Agenda</p> <p>Capital spent on the cleaning machine discussed at the last meeting. It is a great success. Kathie Lambert reported that the hardship fund had provided £200 for a family in need.</p>	
7	<p>Financial Update</p> <p>Kathie Lambert referred the PCC to the paper she had provided. We are a little bit down at the end of last month. The Parish Giving Scheme is slowly growing in use. There have been discussions about the flow of money in Jan’s accounts, which are not yet properly transparent. She will be recording at least weekly the income in cash from the events she runs, and she will not pay out cash from this source of income, but from petty cash. We shall also be getting the same process under way with Kathryn in the Young People’s financing. There was discussion as to ways to promote giving, as well as making more of the bringing up of the offering. It was</p>	

	suggested that there was a stall/table devoted to the Parish Giving Scheme to allow people a chance to discuss it before committing to it.	
8	<p>Budget 2020</p> <p>Kathie Lambert had sent to the PCC the latest draft of the budget after last month's discussion. It has been pointed out that there was originally assumed a large increase in giving, which might not be achieved. The money set aside for the Church Plant has been reduced from an overambitious £7,000, now at £2,000 in the new budget. We are proposing to bring Nathan (our PGS contact) to talk to the Parish as a whole. Proposed by Kathie "That the PCC adopt the budget as presented in the paper they have received". Seconded by Martin Howard. Passed, with all in favour.</p>	
9	<p>Safeguarding Report and Volunteers and Drivers Bank</p> <p>Nicola Wrightson introduced the updated Drivers Bank. In future it will be produced at the time of the audit.</p> <p>Proposed by Nicola Wrightson, "That the PCC accepts the now modified Volunteers and Drivers Bank." Simon Honeywell seconded the motion which was carried with one abstention.</p> <p>Nicola will ensure that there is a record of all training certificates. She asked that members of the PCC who have done C0 or C1 online, send certificates to her, and if achieved in direct training to send a copy of the awarded certificate. It is proposed that there will be kept a record of the certificates on Church Suite.</p>	Nicola Wrightson
10	<p>Wardens' Update</p> <p>Martin Howard told the PCC that the new floor cleaner has arrived. We are arranging a meeting with Grant's to sort out the cleaning systems. The heating is still being worked on: a leak under the floor was found, but there is clearly another, so the pressure loss is still unresolved. The installers will be back tomorrow, hoping to resolve it. Peter was praised for doing a wonderful job in keeping pressure up in the system so that heat was available when needed.</p> <p>Karen Killick has been away, so she has not yet completed conversations with our tenants.</p>	
11	<p>REACH</p> <p>Richard Spratt had nothing to add to what had been said on Sunday. There has been one loan made. It was suggested that there is an announcement at each service to underline the importance of the needed funds reemphasising the option of loans.</p>	
12	<p>Staff Management Team</p> <p>Debbie Bunford reported that there will be a meeting soon to discuss Nicola Wrightson's resignation. Debbie also asked about approaches to new tasks within given jobs.</p>	
13	<p>Dates for PCC, Standing Committee and APCM 2020</p> <p>John Lambert had circulated some proposed dates. These were accepted by the PCC.</p>	

14	Christmas Services John Lambert told the PCC that there will be, on 22nd December “Carols by Candlelight”, on Christmas Eve at 4.00pm the usual Family gathering and at 11.30pm the Midnight Communion Service. On Christmas Day there will be at 10.00am a Family Service. On the next Sunday, 29th there will be Holy Communion at 9am, and at 10.30am a service of Morning Worship. There will be no midweek Communion Services on the Wednesdays.	
13	AOB The next Meeting of the PCC will be on Monday 9 December 2019 . Scott Linnett has volunteered for the Opening Reflections and Prayers at this meeting. The meeting finished with the Grace.	