

To / Present	
Diane Backhouse (PSO & SC) Jonathan Backhouse (PCC Sec. & SC) John Belmont (Treasurer) Mark Boyes Lucy Falcus (Deanery Synod) Rob Govier Sarah Hope Martin Howard	Karen Killick (V. Chair & Diocesan Synod) Alexandra Lamond Matt Levinsohn (Chair & SC) Pamela Rushton Chris Vass (Warden & SC) Margaret Vaughan (Deanery Synod) Elaine Webster Paul Wheeldon

#	Agenda Items
1.	<p><b>Opening Prayers and Reflection</b> – Elaine Webster</p> <p>Elaine asked PCC to reflect upon what it means to be a member of PCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does it mean to you personally to serve on the PCC?</li> <li>• Why do you serve?</li> <li>• What gifts and skills do you believe you bring to the group?</li> </ul> <p>She then shared from two bible verses:</p> <p>Phil 2:3-4 (NIV) 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.</p> <p>1 Cor 12:4-6 (NLT) 4 There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. 5 There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. 6 God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.</p> <p>On All Saints' website PCC is described as "Representing the people of All Saints' through its elected members, The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has a critical role to play. It is the <i>decision-making body of the church</i>. It has oversight over every area of the church's mission and ministry, including the church's finances, and carries the responsibility for setting policy, budget, and monitoring income and expenditure."</p> <p>Elaine decided to explore this further and on Hull Minster website found that PCC is defined as sharing: "the privilege and responsibility of making certain decisions with the Clergy Team, and in return it co-operates in the whole mission of the Church. The PCC is a complicated body, even before you take into account the personalities of the members. Unlike other committees, it has to carry out a mixture of spiritual, legal, financial, pastoral and missionary functions.</p> <p>What, then, is required of 'minister' and PCC members to enable cooperation to take place? The answer includes a healthy spiritual life, a sense of humour, a willingness to listen to the point of view of others, a willingness to try to find out what God wants in the parish, imagination, foresight, commitment, humility, courage, a willingness to learn. Alertness to prevent the parochial blinkers obscuring the vision. Add to these an ability to see issues from a spiritual point of view; willingness to join in, to take part, and to be a full[y committed] member [of the PCC here at All Saints']; willingness to take responsibility; love and respect for other people. It is vital to have a clear understanding of the aims of the PCC. The church is God's instrument for bringing about his kingdom in the parish, and the PCC is the nucleus of the task force to help in this work. Co-operating with the vicar in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical."</p>

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	<p>She then asked PCC to carry on self-reflecting during the meeting, and further, on our role as members of the PCC.</p> <p>Elaine closed with prayer “Lord God, we thank you for bringing us together tonight after our different sorts of days; for the privilege of being able to serve you through helping administer the business of your church here at All Saints and for the many gifts you have given us which enable that. Please help us to recognise and honour those gifts in ourselves and in one another; give us the grace to allow each one to individually blossom; and show us how to use them to complement each other, so that we may grow ever closer to what you need us to be as a PCC. As we work through the agenda tonight, we pray that your spirit may move freely among us, guiding us with the mind of Christ, so that the practicalities of finance, fabric and any other concerns are underpinned by your will and dealt with in peace, truth and above all, in love. We ask this is the name of your Son, our Saviour, whom we love and adore. Amen.”</p>
2.	<p><b>Apologies for absence, and declarations of interest</b> Jonathan noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Apologies had previously been received from: Geoff, Anne and Simon.</li> <li>b) There remain two potential declarations of interest: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Matt Levinsohn as incumbent, his wife as an employee (Receptionist).</li> <li>ii. John Belmont as treasurer, his wife as an employee (Youth Pastor).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3.	<p><b>Approval of minutes of the meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) A copy of May PCC minutes had been forwarded for review, on the G-Drive prior to the PCC Meeting.</li> <li>b) The PCC was asked to approve the minutes for May as a true record of proceedings.</li> <li>c) Alexandra proposed the minutes were a true record, subject to two minor typo changes, seconded by Mark. All in favour, one abstention. <b>(ACTION – Jonathan - to forward minutes to Shiromi).</b></li> </ul>
4.	<p><b>Actions/Update and matters arising, not covered elsewhere on the agenda</b> Matt informed the PCC that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Standing Committee set agenda for PCC but it does not preclude any member of PCC bringing any further business to the meeting.</li> <li>b) Jan is attending PCC in October, Kathryn in November to update PCC on their ministries.</li> <li>c) Peter Grey has had his funeral license extended to 2025 by Bishop Paul.</li> </ul>
5.	<p><b>UPDATE: Working Parties</b> Matt informed the PCC that there will be six (revised) working parties and gave a short summary of each:</p> <p><b>Environment:</b> Both thinking about how we use our buildings and our environment as a church, but also appropriately raising environmental issues to the church. We would in addition like to work with the local community (many of whom are passionate about the environment) both to work together and as mission.</p> <p><b>Discipleship:</b> To help those in the church to grow in faith and to engage with those not yet part of Jesus’ family. This working party might want to decide courses to run and help in running them to help people grow in their gifts, in their confidence in their faith, and in sharing their faith. This group will also work with Stuart and Ruth (life group coordinators) to help develop our discipleship.</p>

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	<p><b>Community Engagement:</b> To continue the work of identifying community organisations which might work with us and to start the work of engaging with them. This might mean linking up ministries with those not church, it might mean using agencies to talk to groups in the church. The aim overall is so the community know we are for them, and interested in the flourishing of not just those within church.</p> <p><b>Social:</b> Both to help those within the church to get to know each other through social events, and to host social events for those on the fringe of the church, e.g. Messy Church. To work with others so that your team run some social events, and others are just known about and Ok'd by you. To have an overview of the year so that there are a range of social events in different seasons. To try to engage different demographics so that for example not having a wife/husband and children does not make you feel less part of the church.</p> <p><b>Buildings:</b> To work with the wardens to ensure that the buildings are maintained, fit for purpose, and are amended as required. This team is likely to need to have some idea of a helpful timescale of costings, etc. so that we can balance costs and expenditure. The Quinquennial inspection is this month and so will need bearing in mind. Likewise the Reach project is ongoing although will need to perhaps change plans.</p> <p><b>Policies:</b> To ensure the relevant policies are produced and are of a similar template, are easy to use, and clear. To work with those writing them to offer advice and help as required. To ensure those who lead team are aware who needs sight of which of the policies - none are secret but some teams will need to be more aware of some policies than others</p> <p>a) Communications working party has been removed.  b) Members signed up to a group and non-PCC members were also added:  1. <i>Environment: Elaine, Paul, Margaret, Karen, Jill</i>  2. <i>Discipleship: Pam, Geoff, Sarah (working alongside Stuart &amp; Ruth – life group coordinators)</i>  3. <i>Community Engagement: Alexandra, Anne, Chris, John</i>  4. <i>Social: Lucy, Simon, Martin, Hannah, Gillian, Anna, Tim</i>  5. <i>Buildings: Rob, Mark (working alongside Wardens)</i>  6. <i>Policies: John Belmont, Jonathan, Diane</i></p> <p>Time was then spent in working parties setting plans and dates for future.</p>
6.	<p><b>UPDATE: Chair</b>  Matt informed the PCC that</p> <p>a) Three year plan staff working on has been added to with Connect and Pastoral Teams.  b) Exploring Faith has gone well, latest was four sessions – next event may be six sessions.  c) Baptisms – health and safety issues still being actioned – grip on steps (<b>ACTION Matt &amp; Wardens</b>).  d) Staff adding to plan for year ahead – PCC asked to inform Shiromi of any future events for Plan/Calendar.  e) Considering Church Camp in September for a weekend not far away.  f) We have a list of communion assistants which is not always adequate. Matt proposed that PCC and Life Group Leaders became communion assistants – all in favour (<b>ACTION Matt with Bishop</b>).  g) During August we are having multigenerational services 10 –12pm which will meet around tables in the Centre hall starting with breakfast and will be more interactive and a chance for interaction between both service congregations. There will be no livestream during August.</p>

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	<p>h) Abby McDaniels is leaving – Matt proposed we gift £200, and a further memorable gift, all in favour <b>(ACTION John)</b>.</p> <p>i) Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June is PCC training on Living in Love and Faith – 7:00-9:00pm <b>(ACTION Matt – email date to PCC)</b>.</p>
7.	<p><b>UPDATE: Financial</b></p> <p>a) A copy of the finance update had been forwarded for review, on the G-Drive prior to the PCC Meeting.</p> <p>John informed the PCC that</p> <p>b) Formal vote on banking signatories was needed. John proposed “This meeting proposes that for the following Barclays accounts Mr John Belmont Mr Chris Vass, Mrs Anne Rolfe become authorised signatories on behalf of All Saints’ Preston on Tees:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Building Fund of All Saints Preston on Tees, and</li> <li>ii. Parochial Church Council of All Saints Preston on Tees,</li> </ol> <p>Jonathan seconded, all in favour <b>(ACTION John)</b>.</p> <p>c) John reminded PCC that he had previously sent an email regarding the gifts All Saints’ has given to mission partners. This will be added to next months church finance newsletter <b>(ACTION John)</b>.</p> <p>d) Margaret shared about the work of Mission Giving Team: Margaret, David Emerton, Sue Levan (Chair), David Warren, Pauline Taylor</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Meets 2 – 3 times per year: to pray for mission partners, catch up on news from key partners, reflect on monies to disperse which is actioned twice a year, trim list as necessary, keep eye on which partners are linked to which life groups, coordinate inviting mission partners to speak in church when they are in country.</li> <li>ii. Looking for new recruits.</li> </ol> <p>e) John asked if there were any questions based on the update after saying we will see a small deficit at the end of year; we have lost a couple of givers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can we highlight Giving Scheme to church members – John suggested mentioning it during October in church.</li> <li>• It was suggested that quarterly Finance newsletter is highlighted in church to congregation <b>(ACTION Matt)</b>.</li> <li>• It was further suggested we model a projection of utilities, etc. during Autumn – pressures on households including staff team. Will be picked up in budgeting but may need further thinking about. Matt and John meeting in July and will discuss <b>(ACTION Matt &amp; John)</b>.</li> </ul> <p>f) Connect would like to know their budget <b>(ACTION John)</b>.</p>
8.	<p><b>UPDATE: Safeguarding</b></p> <p>a) A copy of the Safeguarding report, along with Safer Recruitment Documentation folder, had been forwarded for review, on the G-Drive prior to the PCC Meeting.</p> <p>Diane asked if there were any questions:</p> <p>b) Looking at the Diocesan Safeguard Report 2021 if there is a concern we contact PSO then vicar. If both are away who do we contact? Wardens and Beth Millar (DSA) whose contact details are on Diocesan website and are also displayed in church. Both PSO and Vicar’s email’s will have these details on an out of office reply <b>(ACTION Diane &amp; Matt)</b>.</p> <p>c) Matt confirmed that Diane and he were joint Safeguard leads for All Saints’.</p> <p>d) Why is some of the information in red in the Diocesan Safeguard Policy 2021? Diocesan instructions were: “For ease of reading anything in red type is the changes that have been made since the last version of the policy was published.”</p> <p>e) Matt thanked Diane for the Matrix which is now clear and easier to use.</p> <p>f) Safer Recruitment documentation has also been sent to Jan, Kathryn and Karen S for recruiting volunteers for their Ministry Teams. It will also be discussed and shared with other relevant ministry leads over the next month <b>(ACTION Diane)</b>.</p>

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9.	<p><b>UPDATE: Warden(s)</b> Chris informed the PCC that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) New ladders for loft £2,600 quoted, waiting for further quotes (includes two bespoke ladders and access hatches).</li> <li>b) Flat repair – ongoing - no details included for confidentiality: discussion was held.</li> <li>c) New office chair £499.00+VAT; height adjustable desk is being purchased from Ikea (<b>ACTION Wardens</b>).</li> <li>d) Roof repair – the mortar is not under guarantee (originally completed in 2014) – only lasts for 1 year. Obtaining quotes to repair damage (<b>ACTION Wardens</b>).</li> </ul>
10.	<p><b>UPDATE: Staff Management</b> Elaine informed the PCC that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Still looking for volunteers for SMT.</li> <li>b) Debbie Bunford has served for at least 15 years on SMT and it was suggested church should thank her for her input and service – discussion was held and a gardening voucher was suggested (<b>ACTION – Matt</b>).</li> </ul>
11.	<p><b>UPDATE: Deanery Synod</b> Lucy informed the PCC that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Had a quiet meeting in May so not a lot to report.</li> <li>b) Deanery is looking for a Treasurer.</li> <li>c) Matt is going to be organising a presenter for next meeting in September: 'Growing Churches' and will be open to any interested persons not just Deanery Synod members.</li> </ul>
12.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Jonathan asked for a volunteer to bring the prayers and reflections next month – John B offered.</li> </ul>
-	<b>Close</b> - The meeting finished with the Grace
-	<b>Date of next PCC meeting</b> – 18 July 2022