

To / Present	
1. Diane Backhouse (PSO, PCC Sec & SC)	8. Anne Rolfe (Warden & SC)
2. Lucy Falcus (Deanery Synod)	9. Pamela Rushton
3. Martin Howard	10. Chris Vass (Warden & SC)
4. Geoff Jowett	11. Margaret Vaughan (Deanery Synod)
5. Karen Killick (V. Chair & Diocesan Synod)	12. Elaine Webster
6. Alexandra Lamond	13. Paul Wheeldon
7. Matt Levinsohn (Chair & SC)	14. Guy Wingate

#	Agenda Items
1.	<p>Opening Prayers and Reflections – Matt Matt read 1 Peter 2:9-10, 12 ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.....¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.”</p> <p>A reminder of who is God, who are we, what are we about and yet who do we live in the midst of in our society.</p>
2.	<p>Apologies for absence, and declarations of interest a) Apologies had been received from: Mark Boyes, Rob Govier, Simon Honeywell and Sarah Hope. b) Declarations of, Conflicts of Interest were recorded for: I. Matt Levinsohn as incumbent, his wife as an employee (Receptionist). II. Margaret – when discussing LLF as she is the Vice-Chair of Durham Diocese Board of Finance (DBF). III. Martin – when discussing LLF as he is an employee of DBF.</p>
3.	<p>Approval of minutes of the meeting a) The PCC were asked if there were any comments, issues or concerns relating to the minutes taken at the meeting held on 16th January 2023. Minor tweaks had been made to finance update, no others were given. b) The PCC was asked to approve the minutes for January as a true record of proceedings, by Matt. 12 in favour / 1 abstention / none against. Motion carried. (ACTION – Diane - to forward minutes to Shiromi).</p>
4.	<p>Actions/Update and matters arising, not covered elsewhere on the agenda a) Matt updated PCC with regards to the Food Safety Policy circulated prior to meeting. Thanks were expressed to Cynthia Latcham and Jennie Dix for their input and Diane for checking and formatting. Matt proposed acceptance of Food Safety Policy. All in favour, 1 abstention. b) Matt explained all policies will be placed on website and staff and volunteers will be directed which to read once added to Matrix Diane has constructed. (Action Diane)</p>
5.	<p>UPDATE: Chair Matt updated the PCC regarding: a) Mid way through preparing for American mission team to come in 28/5 – 2/6 and possibly a second one in summer.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) No longer doing mission trip to Sunderland as some complications have arisen. c) New life group has started with Stuart and Ruth. d) Looking at Hospitality Sundays where people invite others back for lunch. e) Thanks for those who came and prayed about LLF. A few people have come and spoken to me from both ends of the spectrum and continuing to work on letting people know they are loved and valued. f) Hearing from God course has gone really well with good uptake. g) Looking forward to courses on sharing faith and also parenting courses which Jan is going to run. h) Messy Church is transitioning to Discovery Church with a new focus and raising the bar re engagement. i) Looks like we will be unlikely to get a new intern from YFC in Sept so looking at UK recruitment if that will work. j) Ben and Emily have now visited Longnewton and All Saints and are looking forward to joining us in July. k) If anyone is stepping down from PCC to speak to Matt. Matt explained what Deanery Synod is.
6.	<p>UPDATE: LLF Matt updated the PCC regarding LLF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) This was the first opportunity PCC had to discuss the Synod votes on LLF. There was extensive discussion on how to respond to the diocese on this topic beyond Matt's initial address to the church. Various options were explored. PCC are giving the matter further thought and prayer before they meet again with a view to providing direction on next steps to APCM.
7.	<p>UPDATE: Group A Working Parties Social, Communication and Environment to send a short report to PCC secretary as time did not allow for reporting at PCC meeting (ACTION Working Parties).</p>
8.	<p>UPDATE: APCM Matt updated the PCC regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) APCM is scheduled for 23rd April at 10am. PCC secretary made available nomination papers. Four Deanery Synod rep places would be available as it was the year to elect for the next Deanery Synod triennium. Thanks were expressed to Diane for compiling report to be sent to PCC for approval (Action Diane)
9.	<p>UPDATE: Financial Guy Wingate provided an update on current church finances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Finances remain in a healthy state. b) 2022 end of year accounts currently under review with independent assessor. Subsequent submission of our accounts to the Diocese will require inclusion of a high level assessment of any material risks association with income and expenditure. (Action Guy). c) Recommendations for UK and overseas mission giving from church funds were agreed £9,500 - proposed by Margaret Vaughan, seconded Martin Howard, all in favour. An urgent donation to Tearfund for earthquake relief in Syria/Turkey had been processed. d) It was agreed to proceed with drafting a policy for donations and legacy gifts (Action Guy).
10.	<p>UPDATE: Safeguarding Matt updated the PCC regarding the report previously circulated. PCC noted the continued level of energy of the safeguarding officer and thanked her for it.</p>

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11.	<p>UPDATE: Warden(s) Chris updated the PCC regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Leak has been repaired and taps replaced in ladies and gents toilets. b) John Whitfield (roofer) is presently completing roof work. Repointing will be completed in right weather conditions. c) Defibrillator in car park is faulty and causing issues with neighbours. Rotary Club is funding a new defibrillator. In the meantime old one will be disabled briefly. (Action Wardens) d) Eliphanos Moyo has been recruited to read meters on a monthly basis. e) Terrier has been completed and will be circulated to PCC. (Action Wardens) f) Martin has supplied Diocese information relating to installing an Electric Vehicle Charging point in the car park to be considered. g) PGL will commence the Electrical Survey on 08.03.23 – expectation of further remedial works being needed. h) Awaiting quotations for air extractors for the Flat. i) Quote has been supplied to build a new sound desk.
12.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Report from Missions Support team was noted. b) PCC Nomination forms were made available.
-	Close - The meeting finished with the Grace
-	Date of next PCC meeting – 20 th March 2023