



Present	
1. Diane Backhouse (PSO) 2. Lucy Falcus (Deanery Synod) 3. Simon Honeywell 4. Jacob Howard 5. Martin Howard (PCC Sec & SC) 6. Geoff Jowett (SC) 7. Karen Killick (V. Chair, Deanery & Diocesan Synod) 8. Matt Levinsohn (Chair & SC)	9. Anne Rolfe 10. Ben Scott 11. Chris Vass (Warden & SC) 12. Margaret Vaughan (Deanery & Diocesan Synod) 13. Paul Wheeldon 14. Guy Wingate (Treasurer & SC)

#	Agenda Items
1.	<p>Opening Reflection – Paul Wheeldon</p> <p>Paul explained how everyone seems to be very busy at the moment in all aspects of our lives. At work everyone seems to expect you to be doing 3 jobs at once. Home life is also very busy for most people and we need to find peace.</p> <p>We need a way to live in God’s Peace.</p> <p>Paul shared John 14:27 “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”</p> <p>His peace is a gift, we don’t earn it, it is a gift from God.</p> <p>In the last 3500years less than 9% of those years have been in peace.</p> <p>Jesus tells us that he gives Peace. This peace is not regulated by circumstances and some people even try to find this peace by running away from life.</p> <p>The reflection ended with a time of quite and the statement “ Relax and rest I God, feel his Peace and hear his voice.”</p>
2.	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies had been received from: Karen Snowden and Pamela Rushton</p> <p>Declarations of interest by Martin Howard as an employee of Durham DBF and Matt Levinsohn & Ben Scott as their wives are employees of the PCC.</p>
3.	<p>Approval of minutes of 20th May PCC Meeting</p> <p>The minutes were approved.</p> <p>Proposed by Matt Levinsohn, 10 in favour, 4 abstentions</p>
4.	<p>Matters arising and Chairs update – Matt A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is a pleasure to have our two American interns Kelsey and Emily who are with us until July.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are currently remodelling our church website to make it easier to find the information that people may want on the website. This has involved reducing the amount of text by about 2/3. We have recently been awarded the Bronze Eco Church Award and have a logo that can be added to our website. An article on this will be in the next newsletter. <p>ACTION: None</p>
5.	<p>Festival Teesside -Matt Levinsohn</p> <p>We ran 4 local events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BBQ & Quiz – this was well attended by both All Saints and TVCC Afternoon Tea – this was successful with 50 attending Picnic – a good mix of people from All Saints and TVCC Skate Park – unfortunately the youth bus was not available but was fairly well attended. The gospel presentations did not engage with those present. <p>Overall the events allowed us to make good links and we now have a good relationship with the local council.</p> <p>Weekend event</p> <p>This was very well attended with approx. 30k attending over the two days and well over 1000 making a commitment during the events.</p> <p>It was felt that the daytime preaches were better than the evening sessions.</p> <p>We had 8 referred to us to follow up but half of them lived elsewhere and Matt has signposted them to different churches. Matt is following up with the others.</p> <p>The distance to Stewart Park meant that not huge numbers attended from Eaglescliffe and it was suggested that we could do our own event in Preston Park in the future.</p> <p>It has been really good to increase the unity amongst churches across Teesside.</p> <p>ACTION: None</p>
6.	<p>Working Party Review</p> <p>Some of the working parties have made better progress than others over the last few years.</p> <p>It was felt that the focus should be on social but instead of having one social working party, we would plan the social calendar together and then develop small groups to plan each event. This takes the pressure off a small group trying to plan all of the events.</p> <p>It was suggested that the environmental group would continue and that it would be good to have a small property group. These could potentially be a good way to engage some people on the fringes.</p> <p>ACTION: Plan social events two or 3 months ahead at each PCC meeting</p>

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7.	<p>Calendar for the Year – Matt Levinsohn</p> <p>Discussion took place over the calendar for the year and a range of social events were added to the calendar.</p> <p>The following events were suggested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board games afternoon / evening (Ticket to Ride evening) • Clothes swap evening • Mens and Ladies events / meals • Walks – midweek / occasional • Barn Dance • Music / Poetry Evening • Murder mystery evening • Puppets • Panto. <p>ACTION: None</p>
8.	<p>Life Group Review – Matt Levinsohn</p> <p>Matt shared details of the existing groups with the number of members of each group.</p> <p>It was felt that it might be time to review Life Groups to consider if a relaunch or partial relaunch of groups was needed.</p> <p>It was suggested that groups could be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on a shared activity • Where people live • Stage of life (this is basically what we have now) <p>What is the focus of a group ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Study • Discipleship • Friendship / support • Social action • Growing the group <p>A couple of possible models were suggested ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer triplets • Sub Groups – Week A – Whole Group, Week B – Sub Groups. <p>We also need to consider the pastoral support that takes time to build up in a new group.</p> <p>ACTION: Matt to write to Life Group Leaders.</p>

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9.	<p>Financial Update</p> <p>Guy Wingate provided the following update. Overall finances are on track as per budget for the year up to end of May 2024 with income broadly matching expenditure. The money not spent on salaries while we await the arrival of our new Children's Worker has covered reduced voluntary income (down 4% on our planning assumptions) as well being used in part for our Festival Teesside activities. Our unrestricted funds (which we use as our contingency reserves) stand £2,600 above target but we have other known expenditure for church mission tithe (10% of our voluntary giving), expenses for the Kintsugi event held earlier in the year, and more roof repairs that are needed, which equate to this so overall our unrestricted funds representing our contingency funds remain on target. Looking ahead, we hope to build up a small surplus in our accounts over the next couple of months which will help with increased heating expenses in the winter months.</p> <p>Work will begin in the summer on building the financial plan for 2025. This will include budget needed for longer term projects such as investments in church buildings (e.g. flooring) and environmental sustainability initiatives.</p> <p>ACTION: Guy to begin financial plan for 2025</p>
10.	<p>Safeguarding Update – Diane Backhouse</p> <p>1. Actions taken since last PCC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Diane and Matt had a termly Safeguard Meeting on 03.06.24. Of 32 volunteers completing safeguard training online during May 25 have completed training and returned their certificates. Safeguard Action Plan and Responding to Safeguarding Situations Flowchart were sent to PCC for comments and approval at PCC meeting 17.06.24. Diane had an extremely proactive and positive meeting with Elaine Eley regarding Kintsugi Hope to discuss some potential safeguard concerns relating to the running of the ministry. <p>Safeguard Action Plan was shared with the PCC. It was proposed by Matt Levinsohn and agreed by all that the action plan be accepted been agreed by PCC Diane will send out risk assessment requests to all ministry leads for activities PCC have previously agreed.</p> <p>ACTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matt to contact all volunteers that did not complete safeguard training by the requested date. Diane to continue updating Parish Safeguard Dashboard and Safeguard Hub in line with agreed Safeguard Action Plan.
11.	<p>Warden Update – Chris Vass</p> <p>The kitchen boiler has failed and a repair has taken place at a cost of £300. However another fault has been found which needs completing at a cost of £179. With the new part it will effectively be a new water boiler.</p>



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	<p>The PCC agreed to go ahead with the second repair as it is cheaper than buying a new boiler.</p> <p>The central handrail of the church centre steps had rusted and become loose. It was agreed that it was not necessary to replace it.</p> <p>Thanks to Nathan and Martin for the work that has been carried out on the sound desk.</p> <p>ACTION: None</p>
12.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>As Martin has a work commitment at the next PCC meeting it was requested if someone else take minutes at the next meeting. Margaret Vaughan agreed to take minutes.</p>
-	<p>Close - The meeting finished with prayer at 9.12pm</p>
-	<p>Date of next PCC meeting – 15th July 2024 at 7:30pm</p>