



Present	
1. Diane Backhouse (PSO)	7. Karen Snowden (Warden & SC)
2. Simon Honeywell	8. Ben Scott
3. Martin Howard (PCC Sec & SC)	9. Margaret Vaughan (Deanery & Diocesan Synod)
4. Karen Killick (Vice Chair)	10. Richard Wakefield (SC)
5. Matt Levinsohn (Chair & SC)	11. Paul Wheeldon
6. Pamela Rushton	12. Guy Wingate (Treasurer & SC)

#	Agenda Items
1.	<p>Opening Reflection – Pamela Rushton</p> <p>Pamela read John 21 The disciples had gone fishing. Should they have gone? They caught nothing. This was not God’s place. Sometimes we need to leave one thing to move onto what God wants you to do. We need to be obedient and go against the rationale. Even though Jesus had got the breakfast ready he still asked the disciples to bring some of the fish that they had caught. Jesus wants us to be part of “His” Kingdom and be co-workers together. We then sang – Jesus be the centre. We ended with a time of quiet and a time of prayer.</p>
2.	<p>Apologies for absence Apologies had been received from: Chris Vass & Lucy Falcus</p> <p>Matt declared an interest as his wife is an employee Richard declared an interest as his wife is an employee Martin declared an interest as an employee of the diocese Margaret declared an interest as Lay Chair of Durham DBF</p>
3.	<p>Approval of minutes of 19th May PCC Meeting The minutes from 19th May were approved. Proposed by the Chair and all those present at the meeting were in favour. 2 Abstentions</p>
4.	<p>Matters arising and Chairs update – Matt</p> <p>From last time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Flows we are working on for people joining. (ii) GEM visited and are working out how they can help. (iii) Mason has arrived and made a great start. (iv) Church camp is progressing. Donations are £2100 so far which means we may to subsidise it by a few hundred pounds.

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	<p>(v) Couch to 5K going ok. 4 people engaged.</p> <p>(vi) Hearing loop issue has been identified and Paul & Nathan are in the process of resolving the issue.</p> <p>Other things:</p> <p>(i) Pentecost Praise was brilliant. Same next year. If anyone who attended the Pentecost praise has any feedback then please pass it to Matt.</p> <p>(ii) Life exhibition has started well. Teesside High have been in today and most of the sessions are booked this week.</p> <p>(iii) Mission team from the Heights arriving next week and have asked if it is possible to eat with church families.</p> <p>(iv) Tim says we can cost for and recruit housing for a serve team person for Sept.</p> <p>(v) We did not appoint a youth pastor from the 2 applicants. One lacked experience and a vision to raise the bar for our young people. The other struggled to really engage our young people and come across as the leader of the youth. Waiting on one potential further applicant. We have had offers of volunteer help in the short term.</p> <p>(vi) LLF is in an unpredictable place with Bishop Snow stepping down. Keep praying for the process. Matt is attending an Alliance meeting this week and will feedback on any news.</p> <p>(vii) Propose we extend Rubys contract to cover up until the Friday after Satalites. Satalies finishes on a Monday. This would take the cost of having employed her to £4158 an increase of £483. We will still have saved £12747 compared to a full time person. Proposed by Simon Honeywell , seconded by Paul Wheeldon. All in favour.</p> <p>(viii) Good feedback on the new church carpet but some people are not sure about the new seating layout.</p>
5.	<p>Working Parties - Matt</p> <p>1) Eco/Buildings: Work on plan for development. How do we develop the site to support Eco Church and Net Zero agenda. MH, PW, GW, KS, KK</p> <p>2) Discipleship Audit: What are life groups doing, Sermons, etc. How good is our discipleship. First question is how to analyse it? RW, BS, ML</p> <p>3) How well are we meeting the needs of our community. Maybe start with Elaine Eley who has links with social prescribing and survey out ministry. Who is here? Who isn't? Who is being served? Who isn't? What could we cut to do something else? SH, DB, MV, PR</p> <p>It was agreed that we would allocate 40mins at the beginning of the July PCC meeting to work in the workparties.</p>

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6.	<p>Financial Update – Guy</p> <p>The financial summary for up to the end of May had been shared prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Gift Aid receipts were down but outstanding payments to us have now come through in the last few days.</p> <p>Regular giving for the year to date is fractionally down but one off donations are up.</p> <p>Youth data is only accurate up to February and Guy is working with youth team to bring accounts up to date. The figures for the Satellites trip also need some clarity on amounts collected and planned costs. Gift Aid will be claimed for the Satellites trip which will help its finances.</p> <p>Donations to mission partners (our mission giving) were showing as being about £3k down on plan. These donations are now up to date and as of June on track with plan.</p> <p>Looking ahead a full set of accounts will be produced at the half year point to allow us to have a more accurate picture of what our year end will look like. Budget planning will then take place over the summer.</p> <p>We had originally planned to do a full risk review in June to look at our projected finances to the end of 2025. This review is no longer needed because not having a Youth pastor in place this year means we will end the year with a healthy balance..</p> <p>As we have a significant amount of reserves currently in our accounts which we should not need to access this year it has been suggested that we should move some of our funds into our CCLA deposit account and make some interest on the money. The CCLA account is an easy access account so money will not be tied up for a long period if it is required.</p> <p>Guy Wingate proposed that we move £40k into the CCLA account, this was seconded by Margaret Vaughan and all were in favour.</p>
7.	<p>Safeguarding Update – Diane</p> <p>1. Actions taken since last PCC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Diane has updated Safeguard Matrix and sent to Shiromi for records and use. b. Diane continued updating Parish Dashboard as training and DBS checks have been updated. c. All Risk assessments recently reviewed by PCC have been updated, reformatted and emailed to ministry leads for information. Several leads have still to respond. d. Responding to Concerns Flowchart has been updated as requested at last PCC and refreshed in church building. e. Diane was involved in recent Youth Pastor interviews to bring safeguarding element to the proceedings. <p>2. Future actions needed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. To complete Pastoral and Ukrainian Café risk assessments and finalise Youth risk assessment with Youth Leads.



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	b. To continue updating Parish Dashboard as work is accomplished, considering new National Safeguard Standards being introduced from December, with an 18-month allowance to be fully compliant.
8.	Calendar 2025-16 – Martin / Matt The PCC went through the calendar month by month adding details of events/activities to take place each month. This will be collated and shared with the PCC before the next meeting.
9.	Warden Update – This was circulated before meeting for information only this month. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The carpet in the Nave has been successfully installed.2. A new cordless vacuum cleaner will be bought using a donation for this purpose from John and Hazel Taylor. Many thanks to them for this.3. Chris Vass will organise a team to paint the lower woodwork part of the walls in the Nave during August.4. The floors in the table cupboard and Youth room cupboard are needing attention. The plan would be to coat the floors with a floor paint or other suitable substance, which would make them easier to keep clean.5. The number of volunteers for cleaning the church has dropped and more helpers are needed.6. The old fridge/freezer in the garage and some other items will be collected by a bulky waste company. Many thanks to Cat for removing items no longer needed for children’s work from the garage, which now has more space.7. There are minor leaks in the cleaning cupboard and at the Youth for Christ offices. These are to be repaired next Tuesday 10th June.8. The boilers in the Hall and the kitchen boiler have been serviced and thoroughly cleaned. It was noted that the kitchen boiler is showing signs of age.9. Shiromi is to collect 2 free flip charts from the old Nat West bank in Stockton.
10.	Any Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have had a strange donation with the reference “CTD Grant” and Guy asked the PCC if anyone knew who it might be from• New vacuum has been purchased and it works very well.• Currently an issue with the Chancel lights which needs further investigation.
-	Close - The meeting finished with prayer at 9.10pm
-	Date of next PCC meeting – Monday 21 st July



PCC Minutes, 16th June 2025

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	Opening reflection to be led by Ben Scott