



Present	
1. Diane Backhouse (PSO)	8. Karen Snowden (Warden & SC)
2. Derek Evans	9. Ben Scott
3. Lucy Falcus (Deanery Synod)	10. Margaret Vaughan (Deanery & Diocesan Synod)
4. Simon Honeywell	11. Richard Wakefield (SC)
5. Karen Killick (V. Chair, Deanery & Diocesan Synod)	12. Paul Wheeldon
6. Matt Levinsohn (Chair & SC)	13. Guy Wingate (Treasurer & SC)
7. Pamela Rushton	

#	Agenda Items
1.	<p>Opening Reflection – Paul Wheeldon</p> <p>The reflection focussed on prayer and praying, cornerstone of being a Christian. Key piece of Lord’s teaching on prayer is the Lord’s Prayer; it models how to pray:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoration • Thanksgiving • Confession • Asking (supplication and intercession) <p>The meeting spent an extended time in prayer.</p>
2.	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies had been received from: Martin Howard and Chris Vass</p> <p>It was confirmed that the register of interests remained accurate.</p>
3.	<p>Approval of minutes of 19th January PCC Meeting</p> <p>The minutes from 19th January were approved.</p> <p>Proposed by The Chair, all those present at the meeting (11) were in favour; 2 Abstentions</p>
4.	<p>Matters arising and Chairs update – Matt</p> <p>a. Signage on Yarm Road (wooden open door) –to be refurbished, no planning permission required as replacing like with like</p> <p>b. Youth Hub – members had been circulated with grant agreement from Durham Diocesan Board of Finance (DDBF) and role descriptions. GW noted how the finances would be drawdown and held in a restricted fund. There was a requirement for monitoring and reporting back to DDBF. The PCC approved the signing of the Grant offer letter. [MV declared an interest as vice chair of DDBF). The meeting agreed that this was an exciting step forward, both for All Saints’ but also the churches that would benefit from the youth hub.</p> <p>c. Kintsugi Youth: BS updated PCC that the 1st course had finished and the 2nd would commence after Easter. The feedback had been very positive. There had been 11 in the group.</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">d. Holiday Club. This would be held Tues-Thursday of week after Easter. 20 young people from US would be in the region during this period.e. Congregational financial update: this had been delivered at both services on Sunday 15 February, with information sent out afterwards to church members. The PCC noted that it had felt well presented, the appropriate level of encouragement, information and request.f. CAP course: the first course has finished, the team are reflecting on how often to hold the course. The initial course had 4 attendees, which had worked well and enabled a good level of discussion and sharing.g. Contemplative prayer evening: another evening of contemplative prayer is being planned led by G Mumby.h. Bereavement Course: Shortly to start at St Mary's, consideration being given to holding one at All Saints' in the autumn.i. Men's group: Looking to arrange a bike ride event.j. Ladies group – going well, questionnaire has been circulated to further understand what activities might be suitable.k. Men's breakfast –growingl. 9am Sunday service – continued prayers that this congregation will growm. Space (the lack of it) – there are now occasions when finding appropriate space for all activities is proving challenging. Developing the "library area" would assist this. ACTION: ML to provide analysis at next PCC of where/when the space pinch points are.n. Events checklist – ML circulated an events checklist that had been produced by Rachel and Shiromi. The PCC welcomed this development.
5.	<p>Financial update – Guy Wingate</p> <p>2025 full year accounts: the 2025 accounts were currently with the auditors and will then be ready for signoff.</p> <p>2026 ytd: January accounts had been circulated. Noted that at the start of the year some income and expenditure areas took some time to "settle into their rhythm". Maintenance costs were high due to the new fence on Yarm Road.</p> <p>Towards the end of the year it had become apparent that there was a small amount of additional mission giving money to be granted. This had been granted to CAP, Beacon and Compassion on recommendation of Mission Giving Committee. The 2026 mission giving was shortly to commence once the Mission Giving committee had met.</p> <p>PCC agreed to set up a restricted fund for Youth Hub.</p>

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	<p>GW recommended to PCC that c£7,300 that had been “held” from a previous year in a designated fund to support mission & ministry of All Saints’ could be released into the Building Improvement Fund. The PCC approved this recommendation.</p>
6.	<p>Safeguarding Update – Diane Backhouse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Parish Dashboard continued to be updated – now at 91% progress – dropped due to risk assessments needed annual reviews. b. Face to face RADA (Domestic Abuse) training was provided by diocese in church. Well attended by All Saints’ volunteers and 5 from other churches as well as being positively received by all. c. PCC have been sent Ladies Social Events: Make and Mingle and Ukraine Café Risk Assessments to approve. The PCC noted that these were now approved. d. All DBS certificates on the Government update service have been checked. Unfortunately, a number have lapsed due to not renewing which is an annual task so will need new certificates applying for. Presently we have 59 on the DBS update service. e. The PCC agreed to appoint a risk assessment reviewer for future annual reviews. Richard Wakefield volunteered to undertake this.
7.	<p>Calendar 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Barn Dance: PR reported that the Barn dance had taken £235 in ticket monies, with 91 attending. After costs for refreshments etc the balance of £120 had been gifted to the Band. ACTION PR to book the band for a similar slot in January 2026. PR advised that she would need support to run this event -the PCC noted this,. b. March: Murder Mystery Event - 21st March, currently recruiting the cast. c. May Church fete: Following discussion it was agreed to not hold a church fete in May 2026 but to focus on the “outdoor church service” planned for 12th July in walled garden. d. A beach day is planned for August.
8.	<p>Wardens Report –Karen Snowden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Windows update. The Warden’s met with Martin Howard and Allinson’s Glazing, the company that has worked on St Mary’s Long Newton. Their quote for repairing cracked stain glass windows and fitting polycarbonate sheets over the windows in the library and the Nave including the office came to £11830.00. However, this would still not give us the efficiency and the insulation we require. We’ve had further discussions with Rick Simpson and Martin Howard, and we are now obtaining quotations for new double-glazed windows; We then intend to have a discussion with DAC about the quotations we have received and work out a way forward that keeps everyone happy. b. The extractor fan in Flat 558B has now been installed. c. Community Payback workers have been usefully employed in collecting leaves and doing some essential garden maintenance. d. The tree pruning work has been completed. We have now disposed of most of the pile of branches that had accumulated at the back of the building on Yarm Road.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">e. The fencing has been erected along the Yarm Road side, and we now have a high fence with a lockable gate that will hopefully keep people from frequenting the side of the building where we recently had a break in.f. A tile has slipped on the north nave roof – the wardens’ have this matter in hand.
9.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Reminder about Annual Reports to be sent to Martin by the end of the month. The report should be available to share with PCC next month.b. The Wardens were requested to follow up the matter of external lighting around the narthex side of the church building.c. ML noted that he was on the team looking at how the funds from Bble Society, to support mission across Teesside, could be deployed.
-	<p>Close - The meeting finished with prayer at 20.56pm</p>
-	<p>Date of next PCC meeting – Monday 16th March</p> <p>Opening reflection to be led by Guy Wingate</p>