

St. Barnabas Church, Linthorpe

P.C.C. Meeting: 7.15 p.m. Monday 3rd November 2025 in the Narthex

Refreshments from 7 pm

AGENDA

1. Worship 7.15 p.m.

2. Apologies 7.21 p.m.

Paul Burey

Mark Allen

Dave Roberts

Helen McGregor

3. Minutes of meeting of 19 October 2025 7.22 p.m.

4. Matters Arising: 7.23 p.m.

5. Correspondence 7.30 p.m.

Arch Deacons letter was received with gratitude

6. Vicar's report 7.32 p.m.

There is always much that goes on that we don't see. There were 5 acts of worship on Sunday. There is much life going on and we are large enough that we cannot all see all of it. This is a wonderful thing.

The Harvest lunch was a great success. It was praised for the large variety of people that it can absorb. We are a unique community in our collection of ages, stages and backgrounds.

The afterschool club at Ayresome. Debs was invited to speak and remarked on the success of the new club with various encouraging stories of the impact on children's lives.

Lubna is still new in post and there is already fruit as she brings her own strengths to the role. David received news from a student of his enjoyment of his time at St Barnabas.

We have two new PTOs from overseas this month from overseas. Simon John and Nobel Huringa(?). This is a blessing to St Barnabas. They will take some time to get settled in.

David is taking the place of Fr. Glynn Holland in the Middlesbrough Civic celebrations of the remembrance services. Please pray for him.

7. Safeguarding 7.40 p.m.

- Safeguarding Information Pack

David handed over to Stuart Gunn.

This pack is to help guide PSOs and advise PCC.

8. Living in Love and Faith: the Church of England and Sexuality 7.50 pm

- with reference to 'Update' document.

There has been a change to the LFF process. In summary - the processes of introducing stand-alone services of blessing to couples of the same sex and allowing clergy to marry someone of the same sex have been halted.

There was a discussion to include a variety of extra bits in the letter: advocating for protections to ordinands, and other clergy who might be lent on or forced to change opinion; thanks for following the process that was always meant to be followed; thanks to bishops who have been opposing this change; our opposition should still be named because people are still trying to change it. Others thought it was important that we made our position clear and obvious so that it cannot be avoided, rather than trying to catch up later.

The PCC decided that including extras would make the letter too complicated and obscure the message.

Proposal to send letter to the Archbishop on behalf of the PCC and cc the letter to the suffragan bishops. Proposer: Andrew Devereux, Seconder: Tony Hutchings. 2 against, one abstaining, all others in favour.

David wanted to know how to communicate this to the congregation. He thought about putting a link in "Keep in Touch". The decision was made not to "put lights around it" as we are simply affirming the doctrine of the church rather than rebuking attempts to change that as happened in Feb 2022 when the LLF process began.

PAUSE TO PRAY

9. Finance 8.20 p.m.

Immediate Feedback on giving day:

Card Machine £600 from Giving Day

Believed £5000 of one-off gifts

Finance Report Discussion

There were various discussions including how the deficit is calculated.

Proposal to change the Authorisation Process

There were also discussions around the proposal around who approves payments. It was decided that the limit would be £100.

Proposer: by Andrew Devereux. Seconder: Tony Hutchings; two abstentions; none against.

Proposal to change the way KMG is administered

There was a discussion on how the amount for KMG is calculated.

Proposer: Andrew Devereux, seconder John Downes; Two against; no abstentions.

10. Facilities Management Group report 9.00 p.m.

Toni delivered the report.

David: Thank you for the FMG's work

11. Buildings Task Group feedback 9.10 p.m.

Alistair gave an update on the groups work

12. Side Chapel/Prayer Space 9.20 p.m.

Lindsey talked about various ways in which the space could be used in the future with thanks to those who helped clear up the space.

13. Deanery Synod Report 9.25 p.m.

Alistair reported back what the Deanery had been discussing. There is a large bid for central church funding along with Hull.

There are currently 5 vacancies, with one possible appointment coming up and interviews for another.

14. Craft Aid 9.30 p.m.

There was a discussion and plea for volunteers.

15. Christmas Plans 9.35 p.m.

Teesside Hospice have requested that we hold their Carol Service again.

Phil Hale has secured a place for carol singing at the Swatters Carr (for the Grocery) with permission to distribute St Barnabas flyers.

16. Any other notified business 9.40 p.m.

[These should be submitted (in writing if possible) to the Churchwardens at the latest, by the evening before the PCC meeting.]

Health and Safety Policy

Proposer Gail Roberts, Seconder Alistair Bolton. None against, none abstained.

Passed.

Church Risk Assessment:

Proposer Gail Roberts, Seconder Immy Burgess-Hale, none against, none abstained

Passed

Church Fire Risk Assessment: Proposer Gail Roberts, Seconder Mark Allen

Not passed due to points about signage that we don't actually have in place. To be held over until next meeting as alterations need to be made.

17. Prayer

Proposed PCC Meetings

1st December 2025

January – no scheduled meeting

2 February 2026

2 March 2026