

Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on Monday 10th June 2024, 7.15pm in the Reid Room

Present: David Goodhew (Chair), Lindsey Goodhew, Phil Edwards, Barbara Edwards, Andrew Devereux, Alistair Bolton, Sue Bell, Malcolm McGregor, Gail Roberts, Tony Hutchings, Helen McGregor, Debs Smith, Chinedu Anioke, Mark Allan, James Cawdell, Paul Bury, Fiona Houldsworth, Immy Burgess-Hale.

1. Worship

Reflecting on the previous weekend and Festival Teesside, David led the PCC in thinking about Psalm 47. Those who had been there shared their impressions. It didn't rain. There were more than 20,000 people who attended, including lots of young people. More than 70 churches worked together and provided the large number of volunteers and security and management went very smoothly. 100s of people made some kind of commitment. The PCC gave thanks for Festival Teesside and prayed for the meeting.

2. Welcome of new members and apologies for absence

David welcomed all to the meeting, particularly those newly elected to the PCC. David said that the vicar and PCC are responsible for the governance of the church and seek to establish the Kingdom in this place. PCC members are not elected as the spokesperson of a particular part of the church, but should seek to think about the wider church, in particular those not in the room: children and young people, elderly and housebound and those who live in the parish who do not attend the church. Meetings are usually on the first Monday of each month, apart from January and August. The minutes are publicly available, but occasionally confidential matters are discussed. Papers are sent out in advance of the meeting. There will be a rota for providing refreshments and leading worship. David expressed his gratitude to all members of the PCC and their willingness to undertake the role which is both difficult and a privilege. Apologies were received from Ali Ward.

3. Election of PCC Secretary

Barbara Edwards was elected as PCC Secretary.

4. Minutes of the meeting of 22nd April 2024

There was two amendment: Item 13: The Upper Room, previously at the now closed John Paul Centre, has restarted at the Salvation Army, providing a weekly Saturday lunch and meeting place, run by the Roman Catholic **Diocese**. The hope is to open a homeless hostel **run by De Paul. Two positive meetings with the mayor and council have already taken place.**

With these amendments the meeting was happy to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting 22nd April 2024.

5. Matters Arising

- a) Archdeacon's Visitation – This went well. Andrew and Gail did a great job preparing for it.
- b) Borderlands – Various food related workshops are taking place and bookings are starting to come in. Two raised beds near the grocery are planned to grow salad and herbs.
- c) Community Grocery – Lindsey is planning a stocktake of the Grocery project from the church's point of view, inviting feedback from volunteers, staff and PCC members. What has worked well over the last 2 years? What can we build on, improve and celebrate as we seek to grow the Grocery community?

6. Correspondence

The secretary circulated two forms for PCC members to fill in, confirming their fitness to serve as trustees. These will be kept in the church office for the duration of a member's term of office and for the four years following.

The treasurer shared a communication from the Charities Commission about the election and the rules governing charities in an election campaign.

7. Vicar's Report

David reflected on the Baptisms and Confirmations which took place on the 25th and 26th May. There were about 20 candidates, spanning a wide age range and diverse backgrounds. There have been 15 baptisms so far this year, with diverse discipling needs.

James Cawdell and Elaine Curry, from North Ormesby, will be ordained priest at St Barnabas on Saturday 29th June at 7pm. It is possible that Revd Paul Ogunsakın will also be licensed to the parish at that service. This will be Bishop Paul's last service at St Barnabas and a presentation will be made during the service.

8. Festival Teesside

Imogen Burgess-Hale outlined the procedure for follow up from Festival Teesside. A team is ready to contact adults who are referred to St Barnabas. There are various events going on over the summer to which people can be invited, starting with a church lunch and celebration services on Sunday 16th June. Alpha will start across Teesside in September. St Barnabas will have 3 Alpha courses: adults, students and youth. Young people who responded were given a QR code, with information about a pizza party.

9. Election of PCC Officers

- (a) Treasurer - Phil Edwards
- (b) Electoral Roll Officer – Immy Burgess-Hale
- (c) Duty Churchwardens – David Atkin, Elaine Cowley, Stuart Gunn, Val Hill, Hazel Hutchings, Bill McGregor, Paul Nixon, Richard Peacock, Ruth Ritchie, Ewan Steele, Peter Wallace, Briony Watkinson, Sue Bell.
- (d) P.C.C. Vice-chairperson – Andrew Devereux

10. Election of PCC Sub-Committees

Facilities Management Group: Andrew Devereux, Reg Palmer, Peter Wallace, Phil Hale, Tony Hutchings, Ken Whiteway, Matthew Mohan, David Dickson, Hugo Pollak

Finance Sub-Committee: Phil Edwards, Stuart Gunn, Richard Jones, Paul Bury, vicar and churchwardens

Mission Sub-Committee: Glynis Hill (Chair), Val Hill, Phil Edwards, Ann Watson, Jonathan Shippey, Ruth Ritchie

Health and Safety Group: Wardens, David Roberts

The sub-committees were approved. PCC members were encouraged to join any of the committees or groups or suggest possible members to be co-opted from outside the PCC.

11. Safeguarding

Immy has been in touch with new PCC members about their DBS checks and training.

12. Finance Report

The treasurer gave a financial update. There will be a fuller half-yearly update next month. The Grace of Giving stewardship campaign has increased giving over the next year by around £14,000, including one off gifts. Some givers have moved away.

Phil reminded the PCC that the budget was drawn up to achieve target reserves, 10 weeks expenditure, by the end of the year. To achieve this we had to make a big reduction to the freewill offer to the Diocese and to the buildings' budget. After the budget was drawn up a grant of £12,000 was received from the Lyndhurst Trust. The buildings' budget gave a target figure of £27,000 for regular maintenance, cleaning, waste removal and small scale repairs and £10,000 for larger repairs and improvement projects. A lot more than this was spent over the previous 2 years. So far this year expenditure is close to budget.

13. Evangelism Task Group

David suggested setting up a task group to look at the Mission Action Plan aim to seek to plant a new congregation. The group would meet over the next 6 months and bring ideas back to the PCC. There was some discussion about the group and the need to find people from the wider congregation to be part of this. A decision will be made at a future meeting.

14. Facilities Management Report

This was circulated. There was some discussion about the grouting of the chancel. It was agreed that more information and another quote should be obtained.

David Dickson had recommended the renewal of the church electricity contract. It was proposed **that the PCC approves the acceptance of the proposal to contract with Eon for the church electricity for 2025-2028**, proposed by Tony Hutchings, seconded by Andrew Devereux, 14 in favour, none against, 2 abstentions.

Andrew has been informed that the Quinquennial inspection will take place on Thursday 19th September.

15. Hannah Williams

Hannah Williams is going to do her elective in Asia.

16. Connect Sunday

This will be Sunday 1st September.

17. Visit of the Robinsons

Our link missionaries, the Robinsons, will be visiting St Barnabas on Sunday 14th July.

18. AONB

None

19. Date of next meeting

Monday 1st July, 7.15pm in the Reid Room.

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