



Church of the Holy Saviour, Tynemouth Priory

Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on Monday 2 Dec 2019

Present: Steve Dixon, Vicar and Chair (SD); Malcolm Railton, curate (MR); David Bilton (DB) Churchwarden; Janice Torpy (JT) Churchwarden; Debbie Baird (DBa), Michael Bayley (MB); Karen Bilton (KB) Treasurer; (CB); Linda Benneworth (LB); Rob Blake (RB); Julian Brown (JB); Dan Entwisle (DE); Liz Parr (LP); Liz Shipway (LS).

Stuart Crozier (SC) – Minute taker.

Item	Subject	Action
1.	Welcome & Opening Prayer: SD welcomed all and led the meeting in prayer.	
2.	Apologies: Ian Buxton, Chris Benneworth, Gerald Keeling, John Pearce and Gareth Ruddle.	
3.	Co-option: JB has recently resigned from Diocesan and Deanery Synods. By default his place on PCC is also forfeit. It was proposed by SD that JB be co-opted for the rest of the Church term up to next April's APCM. DE seconded, and PCC unanimously agreed to JB's co-option.	
4.	Minutes: Proposed by LS, seconded by DB, the previous minutes were accepted as a true and correct record.	
5.	Matters Arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o LS and Elena Rose have since been licensed for Home Communion. o £350 including from RBL was received to fund the road closure. Donations had been received to go towards next year's costs, and the Tynemouth Business Community will be approached, given the potential benefit to them of a large crowd dispersing after the Village Green Service. o Letters have since gone out to all regular hirers of church premises as regards the hire increases for 2020 agreed at Oct's PCC meeting. 	
6.	Vicar's Report: SD had circulated his report prior to the meeting. He raised the issue of our work with children, as people need to be approached to help out. The current attendees of around 10 fall into two distinct age groups. There is a risk the older ones will lose interest. The Ruddles do the lion's work of Sunday Club, which tends to prevent them from attending church in their own right. The ideal would be to achieve a rota of helpers, with any names to be passed to SD.	
7.	Churchwardens' Report: The porch is subject to a 'snagging' check on Thurs 5 th Dec. The final cost will be some £33000 (inc VAT). A deep clean of the church is to be arranged. The hall needs attention given the recent ceiling repairs, a leaking radiator requiring replacement and the very poor condition of the windows. An options paper may be worked up for the PCC to consider some time next year.	<u>Post meeting</u> hall heating failure w/e 7+8 Dec
8.	Feedback from PCC away day & Leading Your Church into Growth: The Study Groups had helped reinforce the Away Day. Attendees had been mindful of issues and prompting food for thought. More effort has resulted in active welcoming. SD has formed a 'Mission Group', of JT, LP, MR and DE and Diane Bayley have been added. Carol Wolstenholme will act as mentor to the group for the next 12 months. The group will meet once a month to shape a longer term plan for the PCC to consider as a 3 year road map.	

9.	<p>Standing Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Investment. KB reported that the portfolio has risen 3% in value since the last meeting, with a 16% overall return. Current valuation was £337,155.04. o Finance. The Oct accounts and 2020 draft budget were circulated to PCC members. The outlook is a loss of £15000, having recently given £2000 to CMS. The outstanding porch bill will be covered by cashing in some of the investment portfolio. She confirmed that expenditure overruns income by a deficit of some £1500 a month. SD requested specific lines be added to the budget for 2020. SC reported receipt of a donation toward the music group. SD led discussion as to charitable support, preferring criteria to be set as to who we should give to. This may prompt changes in who has been supported previously. There followed a wide ranging discussion as to financial aspects and pressures, whilst confirming the autonomous position of the PCC. This also touched upon Parish Share. The consultation review remains ongoing, with the proposed 2% increase going forward. KB had drafted the 2020 budget on that basis. o Health and Safety – Fire Warden training will be scheduled for the New Year. Any trained first aiders will be asked to pass their details in to the office on a voluntary basis so that an informal register can be kept. o Fabric – covered elsewhere (see Churchwardens’ report). o Safeguarding – SC reported that the C1 course has been renamed Foundation with the lead instructor retiring with a view to a replacement next year. o Deanery and Diocesan Synods. No reports. 	<p>Letter 19/10</p> <p>SC – note in Dec pew sheets</p>
10.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Dealt with in other reports (Safeguarding and Finance). 	
11.	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o There are some 13 trees confirmed for the Tree Festival so far. When informed, SC has been taking details of some entries. o A moveable coat rail will be provided at the back of church in due course. o LB asked about a coffee machine (cost £100). There followed a general discussion about the use of percolators. o Sweatshirts with a Church logo (priced at £15) had been provided by Pat Waller. Whilst there was general appreciation, given the financial outlook the Church cannot afford to underwrite and then hold such stock. SC will follow up in the New Year, the ideal being any interested parties to liaise direct with the manufacturer. 	<p>Article for Jan News - SC</p>
12.	<p>Dates of Future Meetings: Tuesday 21 Jan 2020 in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm.</p>	
	<p>Grace: The meeting concluded with the Grace at 8.45pm.</p>	