

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S ALLITHWAITE

Minutes of PCC Meeting to be held on Monday 9th June 2025 at 7.30pm in Church

Present: Mark Houston (MH) - Chair, Michael Jackson (MJ), Jim Bloomer (JBI), Les Spring (LS), John Lanham (JoL), Julie Lanham (JuL), Andrea Mason (AM), Janice Tindale (JaT), John Tindale (JoT), Steve Bell (SB)

1. **Opening Prayer** – led by MH
2. **Apologies** Kevin Dowle (KD), Fiona Dowle (FD), Elaine Baldry (EB), Helen Whitely (HW), Alan Hill (AH)
3. **Approval of Minutes** of PCC meetings held on 17/03/25 and 27/04/25
4. **Matters Arising** - none
5. **Safeguarding** – Dashboard JBI ; Georgina Sherwin to be on Safeguarding Team and DBS Administration officer; JBI showed the Safeguarding Dashboard site. **Action: All PCC members to check their training is up-to-date**
6. **Finance** – JT – discussion about our ministry offer for 2026. After an exchange of views it was decided to offer an increase of 4%. We aim to increase our offer to closer to the cost of a vicar in the long term but need to ensure we have the resources we need to grow our ministry here.
7. **Reports**

Community and Youth Leader Report AM – no need to move furniture after tots; thanks expressed to Andrea for all her work with youth and the community;

Incumbent MH – all worship is an evangelistic opportunity for outreach; some opportunities for trying out new radical approaches at 4pm services (is 4pm the best time?); proposal to go back to two communion services a month; suggestion that one is traditional and one more “fresh expression”; Christianity Explored 7 Week discipleship course starting in September; MH and AM to discuss suitability; **Action – MH and AM to meet to discuss discipleship course suitability; Worship group meet to discuss the future of the “4pm” and communion services.**

Spire update MJ – written report provided by MJ. **Action: MJ and others: prepare faculty application and Statement of Significance.**
8. **Terrier / Inventory; Church Cleaning** EB – **Action: EB to investigate employing a cleaner for church.**
9. **Forthcoming services / events** - Family Day, follow on engagement; publicity card
10. **2025 Officer vacancies** – warden, secretary;
11. **Positioning, planning and possibilities** – some discussion of this under item 7. **Action: discuss at next PCC meeting**
12. **AOB** JaT - We are proposing an art exhibition by Julie Ann Scott which will include her testimony in the church on the Sunday. The exhibition is her reflection on WW2, Biblical references and her prophecy. PCC agreed to host and fund her for an evening. **Action: JaT to discuss a date with Julie.**

The meeting closed with The Grace at 9.50pm.

Next Meeting: Safeguarding Policy and Action Plan, Positioning, planning and possibilities.

Next meeting: 15th September