

**The Parish of Corbridge St Andrew with Halton and Newton Hall
Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th July 2022 at 7.30pm
in St Andrew's Church**

David opened the meeting with a reading from Timothy Ch.2 vv.1-6, stressing the importance of inclusion and acceptance as the church works with and alongside all in the community.

1. Present:

Canon David Kennedy	Alice Bryant
Rev'd Lynn Caudwell (Curate)	Carol Moffatt (Sec)
Rev'd Sam Lohead (Curate)	Edward Pybus
Rev'd Linda Hunter (Curate)	Jean Wilks (Chwdn)
	John Wilson

Apologies.

Val Barnes	Anne King-Lewis	Monica Philbrick
Jo Eldridge	David McEwan	Nahida Remy
Sue Graves	Max Philbrick	Cliff Wright

2. To agree and sign off minutes of PCC meeting Wednesday 16th June

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Edward Pybus, seconded by Alice Bryant and agreed unanimously.

3. Matters Arising.

3.1. Welcome Card – To be brought to September meeting.

3.2. 1350th Anniversary - A team to be brought together in August to assist David in planning the celebration in 2025.

4. Ministry Team.

David sought reflection from Linda following her ordination as Deacon. She found the point in the service when she turned to face the congregation and saw the number of friends and supporters from Corbridge standing with her, most moving. She offered thanks to all who had supported her on this journey and for the generous gift. Edward Pybus offered congratulations to her on this long, hard and successful journey.

She had also conducted her first Baptism, particularly poignant as the mother was someone she had known as a Brownie.

5. Mission and Ministry.

5.1. Mission Statement Review.

The PCC discussed the paper setting out church and community initiatives written by Linda. This charted what had been achieved over the last year and plans for the rest of the year. Given that the past year had been uneven because of the pandemic, progress has been very significant. The PCC reviewed what has happened and sought to identify areas we need to consolidate and initiate.

It was recognised that being attentive to extending our ministry outside of the church building and cottage is as important as what we do to encourage members of the community to come into our buildings. We need to extend our reach in the former while maintaining the latter. The Art & Textile exhibition provided the ideal opportunity to have conversations in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere enabling relationships to develop.

5.2. Parish Administrator.

A draft job description for a part time Parish Administrator was circulated and PCC broadly agreed the terms and scope of the post. Once this has been finalised, it will be brought to PCC for approval of the expenditure.

5.3. Take Five.

At the recent service, Andrew Sanders' talk was warmly received by the congregation with many commenting on what they had learned about the scope and reality of homelessness in the Tyne Valley. Lynn will be updating the notice boards when she receives further updates, and a Zoom meeting as part of a RIVER service is proposed.

5.4. Support for Ukraine families.

On his return from holiday, Malcom will update PCC. It is hoped a concert might be arranged allowing some of the Ukrainian families to showcase and share with us their talents.

6. Finance.

Cliff's report on Financial Prospects for 2022 had previously been circulated and David expressed his appreciation for the clarity and care that goes into its preparation to give a very clear picture of our financial standing taking into account situations beyond our control such as the pandemic and the general increase in the cost of living which will impact across the board.

Given the handicaps involved, 2021 was a remarkably good year and, although many sources of income should increase, so will some costs and therefore any improvement is likely to be modest. With the information currently available a surplus on Operating Performance of between £5k and £15k can be expected.

There will be significant expenditure in the coming year with work on renovating the cottage, undertaking repairs necessitated by the quinquennial reports, employing a part time administrator etc., requiring careful management. Whilst the cottage expenditure is largely covered by the Batey legacy, fundraising will be necessary to cover other specific items. At the same time it is recognised that St Andrew's is far better off than many other churches, and our parish share contribution will almost certainly increase. At present this is covered by direct giving, but everything else needs to be funded from church income and events.

7. Reports.

7.1. Safeguarding

Mandy Norton is to attend September PCC to update on her role as a domestic violence ambassador and share information with PCC.

7.2. Deanery Synod

The Deanery Synod had discussed the draft Deanery Mission Action Plan for 2022-27. This includes developing shared ministry, simplification of buildings and structures, shared management skills, Eco Church and Deanery identity. Also, the Deanery data from the self-review questionnaire, and a meeting between the Bishop's Leadership Team and Area Deans and Lay Chairs on the need to reduce stipendiary incumbent status posts to 80fte; the present portfolio of posts is 14.5 above this threshold. This will in due course have implications for Corbridge Deanery and possibly St Andrew's.

7.2. Halton

The Quinquennial report is now with the Maintenance Committee, and once checked for inaccuracies a summary will be presented to PCC in September.

7.4. Maintenance.

A need for another member of the maintenance committee has arisen and PCC were asked to identify anyone with the necessary experience who might be willing to add their support. No other items identified.

7.5. Events Committee Update.
Updated programme circulated.

8. Correspondence.

8.1. Request from Agostinho Roberto Buque

Should her visa arrive in time for her to visit her parents whilst they attend the Lambeth Conference, Helena would like to visit St Andrew's whilst in England. David will advise with updates.

8.2 Diocese Energy Footprint Tool

Jean to liaise with Cliff and Sam regarding the detail required to complete.

9. Any other business. None.

11. Date of Next Meeting. Wednesday 21st September 2022.

Amendment to published dates for 2023: To avoid Ash Wednesday, date for February 2023 meeting revised from 22nd to 15th February.

The meeting closed with Compline.

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