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**Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on
Monday 7th October 2019, 7.15pm in the Reid Room**

12 PCC members were present at the meeting. Revd Dr David Goodhew took the chair. The ministry leaders and Revd Mark Walley joined the meeting for the discussion on strategy.

1. Worship

Revd Lindsey Goodhew led the PCC in worship by reading Philippians 2:1-11, with time for reflection. For those with responsibility and a leadership role in the church, the passage is a challenge to the way we conduct our business and relate to each other, to find ways of expressing differences of opinion in a loving way. The PCC shared what had struck them from the passage and prayed together.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Alistair Bolton, Allison Ward, Tony Hutchings, Penny Whiteway, Paul Bury and Nina Jeal.

3. Thinking About Strategy

The starting point for the discussion was the document 'Thinking Forward', which had been circulated and is attached to the minutes. It set out a strategy for setting the vision for St Barnabas for the next three years. The aim of the process is to create a 'Mission Action Plan (MAP)'. The process includes preparation by listening to and learning about the wider community, and spiritual preparation, including prayer and teaching in Sunday services. There was discussion about how we can listen to the wider community and it was pointed out that many individuals in the congregation are involved in the community and already listening to the various voices. David suggested Saturday 28th March for a parish conference, open to the whole church, allowing a three month lead in from January for spiritual preparation and to get the congregation excited about the process. The conference would be followed by a sifting of ideas by the PCC, probably at an awayday in April or May, leading to the MAP being finished hopefully by 31st May, but more realistically by the end of June. David reminded the PCC of the Diocesan strategy and said that it would be valuable if the MAP resonated with it. Mention was made of the date of the APCM, which would need to be considered in relation to the conference. David reminded the PCC of Ephesians 3:20. It would not be possible to do everything but we should be open to big ideas and to what God is doing. David asked for suggestions about a name for the conference.

The PCC agreed to the process as outlined in the document and the date of the parish conference. As the ministry leaders and Mark left the meeting at this point, David thanked them for attending.

4. Minutes of the meeting 2nd September 2019

Item 4a. Hazel Murray started work on 1st September. With this amendment, it was proposed by Graeme Malyon, seconded by Kate Morris, that the minutes should be accepted as a true record of the meeting of 2nd September 2019, all in favour.

5. Matters arising:

There were no matters arising not covered in the agenda.

6. Correspondence

None

7. Vicar's Report

David reported that the Goodhew family had settled in. He had visited nearly all the PCC. Lindsey and Mark will join the PCC from the December meeting. David had also been meeting up with community leaders: the heads of schools, local police and councillors. He asked the PCC to suggest anyone else it would be good to connect with. He had also met briefly with the leaders of the uniformed organizations.

8. Creche

Barbara Edwards presented a proposal that the creche on a Sunday morning should move from the Supper Room to a cordoned off area in the narthex. Parents are less likely to leave their children in creche for the whole service and either keep them in church with them for most of the service or go out to the Supper Room and stay with them. Having creche in the narthex will help parents stay connected with the service when they are in creche and stop creche helpers from feeling under used. The proposal was presented to the PCC in the hope that a decision could be taken at the November meeting.

9. 6.30 Service

David proposed that Lindsey and Mark should have oversight of the 6.30 and replace Sam and Miriam on the Evening Service Team. The PCC felt that this was a good way forward. In response to a question, David said that one of the clergy would be at church at 5.30 pm on a Sunday to welcome people and be responsible for the narthex while music group practice was going on.

10. Toddlers

David updated the PCC on the Toddler group, which had stopped meeting after the summer. A planning group, which included Mark and Alice Walley and Nina Jeal, had met to consider a successor to Toddlers and hopefully something would be started in the new year.

11. Legacy

Paul Bury had looked into the complicated issues surrounding the Godfrey Humphries legacy and his advice had been circulated to PCC members. It was proposed by Ewan Steele and seconded by Sue Bell that **the trustees of St Barnabas Church Linthorpe formally request the executors of Godfrey Humphrey's estate to ask Valued Properties Limited to instruct its Auditors to determine the 'fair value' of Godfrey Humphrey's shares in accordance with the articles with a view to them being sold on a 'fair value' basis.** All in favour. Thanks were expressed to Paul for his work on this matter and clear explanation for PCC members.

13. Deanery Report

Kate Morris reported that the Deanery Leadership Team were working on a Deanery Plan, looking at how Middlesbrough Deanery can best be structured for mission. This is progressing slowly, but when it is ready it will go to the clergy, then to churchwardens and PCCs and finally for approval by the Deanery Synod. This is likely to be some time next year.

The decision has been taken to demolish St Timothy's Hemlington and the congregation are meeting in other places. Whinney Banks and South Thornaby are now in vacancies.

The Archdeaconry Day takes place on Saturday 19th October at St Barnabas and the next Deanery Synod is Thursday 24th October at St John's, Middlesbrough. Carolyn Edwards, Diocesan Adviser on youth, children and families will speak at the Synod and all are welcome.

13. Facilities Management Group report

This was circulated and is attached to the minutes. The PCC agreed that work on the boiler should take place, subject to Graeme receiving reassurance from the treasurer that the money was available.

14. Safeguarding

There was nothing to report.

13. Any Other Notified Business

Mel Downs asked for an update on the Youth for Christ workers. Madi Traxinger is the worker based at St Barnabas and she and Hazel Murray meet with the staff team for lunch every Wednesday. Kate Morris enquired about a book grant for Vanessa Kirby. Barbara Edwards undertook to speak to the treasurer, as it is usual for this to be given to ordinands.

14. Prayer

The meeting ended with prayer.

Date of next meeting

4th November 2019

Chairman.....

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