



## **Website Summary of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting 23 January 2017**

The PCC meeting was preceded by a reading from Ephesians 4, God's people together in unity. As Disciples of Christ we are called to listen to the unity of the Holy Spirit and strive for the bonds of love and peace together. We are called to express our unity in Christ not just within our churches but out in our communities and the wider world. As a PCC we prayerfully remember those principles as we go forward in our meeting.

### **We discussed and decided the following:**

**Percy Chapel Sculpture** – the DAC have provisionally approved a sculpture of St John of Beverley by Peter Ball in a vacant niche in the Percy Chapel. We noted there were no cost implications for the PCC because of a generous donation. Public notices were in place and would be returned to the Registrar in early February, shortly after which the sculpture should be in place.

**Fire Alarm** – is not yet quite completed and therefore roof tours remain suspended.

**Retroquire Candle Stand and Memorial** – the Friends of Beverley Minster will be considering reworking the existing candle stand to take fixed copper tea lights on the brass columns to avoid the risk of accidents. At the moment candles are placed precariously, are permanently hot when lit and at risk of melting the plastic.

There was a query about the appropriateness of the memorial. Reasons given for including a memorial would be a substantial benefaction and the notable public interest in the provenance of the artworks paid for by the commemorated donor in the retro-quire. The PCC were reassured that Faculty process would properly decide the suitability of the memorial.

**RAF memorial plaque (47 Squadron)** The RAF have requested an application be considered for a small plaque in the Minster and have visited to see if that might be appropriate in the East Yorkshire's chapel, in a vacant niche. Discussions were ongoing with Paul Downey.

### **Project Development Manager**

Gail Cahill was introduced to the PCC and outlined her joint role with The Minster and St Mary's in developing the Heritage Lottery Fund bid. She was clear about the challenges we face to take the bid forward but optimistic that with focus and commitment we had every chance of succeeding.

### **Accounts Assistant**

John Bull (Honorary Treasurer) was at the moment fulfilling this role but in his capacity as Treasurer (and a qualified accountant) he has not in the past required a qualified accountant as a paid assistant. However the PCC noted that Steve George would be putting his name forward to be elected as Treasurer when John Bull stepped down at the APCM. Steve did not have high level accounting qualifications and therefore the advert for an accounts assistant was for a more qualified accounts assistant than had previously been needed.

### **Daughter Church Update (St Leonard's)**

Andrew Hancock verbally updated the PCC on developments at St Leonard's Molescroft. Average attendance had increased slightly to 26 and the inclusion of evensong has added diversity rather than numbers. The harvest weekend was reported to be the highest turn out of the year. The LYCIG course continued to be contentious and discussions with the management committee had to be postponed until February.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Beverley Minster Shop**

Jane reported a continued pleasing upturn in overall sales. Jane and her team were working incredibly hard to maintain their successes. The PCC passed on their thanks.

### **Mission Action Group**

Nick and Catherine Drayson visited the Minster Parish over the weekend of 22 January 2017. The various services and activities were well attended and the Drayson's enjoyed Sunday lunch with Jeremy and Julia.

Churches Together was to be asked to support The Hull City of Sanctuary. Hull City of Sanctuary is a new initiative to make Hull a recognised place of welcome and safety for people in need of sanctuary. A "sanctuary" is a safe place, where people can live without the threat of violence or death, which was the reason they fled from their own country. Britain has a long and honourable history of giving sanctuary to refugees, for many centuries and it is hoped that Churches Together in Beverley will support this project.

### **Minster Youth and Children**

A report was received with thanks.

The Sunday Club leaders step down in July and it was therefore time to seek new people to take on the responsibility of the craft activities for the youngest members of our congregation during the service.

### **Formation of a United Benefice**

Further to an email from the Archdeacon (Andy Broom) the formation of a United Benefice has been put on hold until after a new Incumbent has been appointed.

## **Development Project**

- The Project Development Manager- Gail Cahill has been appointed.
- Tim Carlisle was approved by the PCC as the Churchwarden representative on the Joint Board.

- The Partnership Agreement of commitments and understandings with St Mary's needed a minor adjustment.

*The PCC agreed that further to the amendment Jeremy could sign the agreement on behalf of the PCC of Beverley Minster. PCC Understandings and Commitments*

Gail Cahill spoke to the PCC about the major project and emphasized the importance of maintaining consistency with regard to the agreed major projects listed as part of HLF building development aspirations. Any indication HLF might get that those were jeopardised as new projects, planned from start to finish, in any way could compromise the bid not just for the Minster but also St Mary's.

**Those projects and commitments agreed as listed (appended to the minutes) are:**

Lead to the High Roof  
Stained Glass Windows  
Lighting and Power  
Visitors Welcome and interpretation  
Multimedia  
Visitor Facilities

Gail also emphasised that moving towards the HLF bid has begun and it was important that any new Incumbent appointed must also be prepared to move forward with this project as it is. The train has left the station so to speak.

**Lighting**

Peter had arranged and submitted a report and quotes to replace the lighting system and requested the PCC consider the replacement scheme. His efforts to rectify the lighting issues permanently were applauded but for the above reasons and because Peter was away the Standing Committee emphasised the need for a good repair only in order not to compromise the HLF bid application. A repair quote is to be organised.

**Just as Jeremy was about to close the meeting the PCC reminded him there was one further item:**

**Reverend Jeremy James Fletcher, Vicar of Beverley Minster**

This was to be Jeremy's final meeting with the PCC. He was presented with a mounted image representation of his favourite psalm 121 which had been carefully conceived by Bob Aveyard. He had taken a photograph of the view of a hillside painting, superimposed a cross from another image and enhanced the lighting to give the overall effect. All members of the PCC signed the reverse as a memento of Jeremy's time as Chairman of the PCC.

Jeremy was thanked for his time with us and his reflective and prayerful start to PCC meetings focusing on scripture, vision and unity. His vision for the Minster and its wider concerns had been exciting and welcoming to both established congregations and to visitors. His ministry and wisdom will be sorely missed.