Summary Report of PCC Meeting Monday 21st March 2016

- The Annual Report for 2015 was finalised and accepted, ready to be presented at the APCM. At the APCM, 5 PCC members need to be elected and 4 Churchwardens, with 2 current ones being willing to stand again and one potential new candidate. The resignation of Terina Hurley as treasurer was accepted and Terina was thanked for her extensive and faithful service to the PCC. TH and AC presented the accounts; the figures are in the black at the end of Feb 2016, so we praise the Lord for his faithfulness.
- A grant of £4250 was received from the York City Council to improve the lighting for the foot path at All Saints. Keith B has written a progress note following the consultation exercise which highlighted aspects for improvement at AS (path lighting, kitchen, artwork/ banners, lobby); he explained that some of these items need necessary approvals, faculties, etc and it will take some time to achieve these. There was discussion about how to improve the kitchen at AS, possibly redesigning the hatch area and use some space in the Mackay room; it was agreed to produce more design work. The font will soon be resited from St Andrew's to All Saints'. The B&F team will seek a better solution to the grass-cutting at AS.
- At St Andrew's Faculty approval has been received for the current phase of work; the new windows on Huntington Road have been installed, insulation of the narthex walls is underway and new doors for the sleeper track entrance and car park entrance should be installed in the next few weeks. Two grants have been received (Ward Committee and Huntington Parish Council) with one application outstanding (New Earswick Council). Fundraising events are scheduled, but there is a need for significant help to apply for grants for the next phase of work, as well as continued prayer and practical support. The priorities of the next phase of the project are to insulate the narthex loft and refurbish the ceiling and to fit 4 new roof lights facing Huntington Road. Faculties will be sought for the appropriate disposal of several items of unused furniture at SA and AS. The worship computer at SA will be replaced. The Parish Council want to dedicate a bench to the memory of Derrick; siting it at the bus stop outside SA.
- Draft generic Risk Assessment forms were presented; these need further development. A Safeguarding self-audit, required by the National Archbishop's Council for 2016 or 2017, is being independently inspected in the Diocese of York by the Social Care Institute for Excellence by June 2016, with a self-audit having to be submitted by 29 April 2016. Ian R will coordinate the completion of the document.
- The Archbishops' Call to Prayer for our nation promotes a week of prayer in the week leading up to Pentecost; it will take place at local levels and through beacon events in major centres. AS will be open from 9am to 3 pm, with prayer stations and three times of gathered prayer each day. Regular prayer meetings will be devoted to the theme, and there will be other opportunities to pray together, including a special event for our young people. The local 'beacon event' on Pentecost Sunday will be at St Michael le Belfrey.
- The **Archbishop of York** will be walking through New Earswick, as part of his pilgrimage, on 18 May. We are encouraged to join him in his walk. He will visit the schools in New Earswick.
- Leading Your Church into Growth (LYCIG) IB has signed up Huntington Parish for this Diocesan initiative in 2016. More information will follow after a conference in September.
- Alex Oehring, who will be studying for ordination from the autumn, will be doing a 6 week placement in the parish in June/July.

Thank you for your continue prayers for the PCC.