**A framework for use with a PCC as part of our rhythm of life**

***Preparation***

Leader The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Leader We are here to listen to God and each other; to make wise decisions which shape our mission and ministry in obedience to Christ’s call. Help us to be generous, open, creative and courageous. May the work that we do today enable us: to follow Jesus more closely; to serve one another more effectively; and to play our part in transforming our communities for good. **Amen.**

A period of quiet to reflect on the day so far, and the meeting ahead.

***If appropriate you might want to include some of the following after the silence:***

* Confession
* Bible reading and reflection in small groups or ‘lectio divina’.
* Open prayer / or written prayers

Almighty God you have given your Holy Spirit to the Church to lead us into all truth: bless all the members of this PCC and keep us faithful and loving, that all our decisions may reflect your purposes and enable all who visit this church to grow in faith and service; and that together we may transform the communities in which we live; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

***Keeping God at the centre:***

As you work through the agenda consider making spaces to pause and reflect on what God might be saying before making decisions; or routinely commending each section of the agenda to God in prayer items

***Committing everything to God’s care:***

Concluding prayer at the end of the meeting If you have not already done so, pray for the various decisions made during the meeting.

Transforming God,

by the gift of your Holy Spirit

you bring us together in your church.

Send us out by the same Spirit,

empower us to follow Jesus,

inspire us to serve others

and free us to transform our communities.

May your kingdom come,

may creation be restored

and may humanity be reconciled,

in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

Leader We join together in the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Leader In peace we will lie down and sleep;

**for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.**

Leader Abide with us, Lord Jesus,

**for the night is at hand and the day is now past.**

Leader As the night watch looks for the morning,

**so do we look for you, O Christ.**

Leader The Lord bless us and watch over us; the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us; the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace. **Amen.**