

Barnes Team Ministry
The Parish Church of St. Mary Barnes

Minutes of the meeting of the Parochial Church Council held
on Saturday 17th September 2011 at the Kairos Centre, Roehampton

Present: Richard Sewell (chair), Peter Boyling, Annie Sullivan, Christabel Gairdner, Raymond Chapman, Michael Murison, Paul Teverson, Alison Collins, Judy Gowing (secretary), Phil Bladen, Celia Cleave, Ken George, Patrick Findlater, Rosie Findlater, Loraine Budgen, Geoffrey Barnett

In attendance: Peter Siddall (for the work on Mission Action Planning)

1. Apologies were received from: David Thomas, Eddie Hartley, Juliet Hogan, Pippa Woodroffe, Sarah Moore, Vassos Alexander
2. AOB: none
3. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record; proposed by Peter Boyling and seconded by Rosie Findlater
4. Matters arising: none
5. Finance: The Hon. Treasurer had circulated some figures for the year so far rather than accounts. Income for the Bishop's Lent Appeal was 50% higher than last year; he thought this was because a single beneficiary had been identified. The Ball has been a huge success and £30,000 had been given away to charity from the proceeds. The Kitson Hall income had been almost identical but had experienced higher expenses. Congregational giving had been fractionally lower. The proceeds from Barnes Fair were lower. Other activities: hiring church, coffee etc is slightly higher. This was a good result considering the church was closed for 3 months. The Parish expenses have more than doubled. This included costs for the Parish Administrator and rector's expenses. The rector suggested that these were budgeted items which should not indicate that the finances are out of control. The PCC had budgeted for a surplus, but the Treasurer thought that there will now not be a surplus. It was noted that the £8,000 which had come from the stewardship campaign was thus very welcome. The Rector reported that the Parish Administrator's salary had been increased by £700 pa and that the Kitson hall administrator's salary had also increased pro rata.
6. Phone mast update: NET has started the pre-consultation exercise and result is that there have been 5 critical reactions, most of which were health related. They had received no comments from any of the Kitson Hall users. NET has consulted the diocese and got a positive indication for approval and were about to start the planning process with local authority. In the resolution in July, the PCC agreed that advice should be sought from various professionals. On the advice of the architect, all four sources of advice are being pursued. All these costs will be covered by NET. The Rector thanked Peter Boyling for his continued work in this respect.
7. Committees
Faith in Action Working Group (Mission group) – paper circulated. The group is pleased with the new direction the -group is taking. Tom Symonds, Sandra Sherratt and Amanda Iremonger have joined the group. This year the time frame is too tight to consult the congregation on possible beneficiaries, but members of the PCC were asked to suggest appropriate charities having referred

to the paper circulated, by 27 October. Members agreed to the recommendations on the change of name of the group and on the criteria to be used for selecting charities for support.

Kitson Hall had been redecorated over the summer and the pathway to the church had been cleaned up thanks to Good Companions.

Stewardship: It was hoped that there would be some increase in standing orders when people changed their direct debits to the CAF Bank, but as yet the Hon Treasurer had seen no evidence.

8. No AOB
9. Dates: Future PCC meetings and Annual church meeting:
18 October, 22 November, 17th January, 27th March, 15th May and 17th July.
APCM 25th April

Mission Action Planning

The meeting then commenced the process of developing a strategic plan for St Mary's for the coming years. Peter Siddall facilitated the session.

Following a Bible Study, The Rector noted that Christians had the responsibility to make real the transforming work of God in the world. We should not be a church of trivial pursuits but be known for love, care and compassion within the community.

The council then trialled a process to analyse the current state of St Mary's against seven marks of healthy churches. It was agreed that we should use a similar approach with the whole congregation. Annie Sullivan, Judy Gowing, Ken George and Paul Teverson volunteered to join a team to lead the planning process over the coming year.

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