

Barnes Team Ministry
The Parish Church of St Mary Barnes

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council held on Tuesday 18 May 2010 at 7.50pm in the Ellerton Room

Present: Peter Boyling in the Chair and the following members of the Council: Phil Bladen, Lucy Brodie, Nick Bryant, Loraine Budgen, Celia Cleave, Patrick Findlater, Rosie Findlater, Elena Fletcher, Christabel Gairdner, Vassos Georgiadis, Eddie Hartley, Juliet Hogan, Sarah Moore, Michael Murison, Rose Robertson, Anne Sullivan, Paul Teverson.

Apologies: Geoffrey Barnett, Raymond Chapman, Judy Gowing, David Thomas, Pippa Woodroffe.

Christabel Gairdner led Evening Prayer.

1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new PCC year, and particularly those who had joined the PCC at the APCM the previous month.

2. COOPTIONS AND ELECTION

On a proposal by Peter Boyling, seconded by Michael Murison, the Council appointed Patrick Findlater as Hon Treasurer and coopted him on to the PCC. On a proposal by Peter, seconded by Anne Sullivan, the PCC coopted Raymond Chapman on to the Council.

On a proposal by Phil Bladen, seconded by Juliet Hogan, the Council appointed Celia Cleave to fill a casual vacancy on Deanery Synod.

3. DESIGNATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

On a proposal by Nick, seconded by Michael, the Council approved the minutes of the meeting on 23 March 2010.

5. MATTERS ARISING

The Chair noted for the record that on 18 April the Council had approved the 2009 annual accounts by email; and that by email on 18 April it had elected Rosie Findlater and Phil Bladen to represent St Mary's on the Special Board of Patronage for the appointment of a new Team Rector, with a veto over the appointment.

The General Election Hustings meeting had taken place on 27 April; thanks were due to Andrew Summers for organising the meeting.

6. APPOINTMENTS

The Council considered the paper on appointments and committee membership which had been circulated. Amendments were made to bring it up to date (see appended list). Elena Fletcher was appointed to fill a vacancy as PCC representative on the Team Council. Juliet explained that we were seeking members of the Stewardship committee interested in effective methods of communication.

Peter noted that interviews would shortly be held to select a successor to Maria Bryant as Kitson Hall manager.

7. ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

In discussion of issues raised at the APCM, which those present had said they found useful:

- it was agreed that the summary note on finances was a good idea for people who found the full accounts too much. It was suggested that a short note on our finances might be made available to others in the congregation and the Think Tank undertook to consider how this might be done;
- we needed to continue to seek to ensure that the PCC was communicating effectively with the congregation. All members of the PCC could play a role here. The Think Tank should consider a board showing photos of PCC members in the church;
- the location of the PCC minutes on the website should be clearer (and the location distinguished from "writings" and "reports");
- the fabric committee anticipated that the heating work next year could be completed in time for the church to be available for Palm Sunday services;
- more work was needed to encourage use of the standing order tokens. It was noted that a problem arose if the congregation was reminded to use the tokens, if they had not taken them on entry to the church;
- all members of the PCC might take it on themselves to help find volunteers for the jobs advertised at the back of the church. Jobs should be described clearly and big tasks broken into sections which several people could handle jointly.

8. IMPENDING VACANCY FOR TEAM RECTOR AND TEAM VICAR OF ST MARY'S

Peter reported that the advertisement had appeared in the Church Times, and it and the parish profile were on the website. The shortlisted applicants would visit Barnes on 26 June, prior to interviews on 29 June. The visit was not an opportunity for informal interviews of the candidates. Plans would be made for how St Mary's should welcome the candidates, and how we could present the church and parish effectively. Parking restrictions should be explained to the candidates. Phil and Rosie would take a lead in making the arrangements and seeking help from PCC members.

9. FINANCE

a) In initial comments on the church financial situation Patrick noted that we had no spare funds and that the reserves had been deteriorating for some years to what was now a very low level. Peter offered some background information.

b) On a proposal of Peter Boyling, seconded by Christabel Gairdner, the Council resolved that Patrick Findlater and Phil Bladen be added to, and Rosie Findlater, Richard du Parcq and Ross Collins be deleted from, the signature panel for St Mary's three bank accounts. Patrick commented that he intended to replace the three bank accounts by one.

10. UNDER TREE SCHOOLS

Peter reported on his visit to our main mission project, the school in Southern Sudan, at the beginning of May. The staff of the school and local people were very welcoming and grateful to UTS supporters, the new school year had started and the classroom block which had lost a roof through a hurricane had been reroofed. A collage by St Mary's children had been taken to the school, and children there had made drawings which we had brought back. Joseph wished to return to St Mary's to lead a service to thank us for our great support, which had been crucial in establishing the school.

11. REPORTS FROM GROUPS

a) children: Anne reported that there was no demand for Junior Church during the Parish Communion at the moment, and the Children's Support Group were considering future strategy. It was suggested by PCC members that there might shortly be a need for children's activities among families whose children were graduating from the Family Service. Anne said she would call a meeting to discuss how to address the need. It was noted that MiniMary's was no longer meeting;

b) Christmas Fair: Elena asked PCC members to contribute to the cookbook that was being prepared. She needed at least half the regular congregation to provide a recipe;

c) Think Tank: Juliet explained the group's remit, and invited donations of bikes for sale at Barnes Fair;

d) Heating Appeal: Nick explained that applications were being made to a number of charitable trusts for grants. He reminded the Council of the Bike Ride round Richmond Park on 4 July: he wanted 100 people to take part, each getting sponsorship money;

e) Fabric committee: Michael reported that he was about to finalise the faculty application for the heating system; we needed to prepare to remove the sycamore in the churchyard and repair the wall; he was planning the replacement of the torn carpets in the Ellerton and Melvill Rooms; and shortly the architect would be undertaking the quinquennial review of the fabric of the church.

12. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Rosie explained that Bishop Richard had organised an event for 22 October, a dialogue he would hold with Philip Pullman about the latter's new book. She had also proposed a Fashion Show which had received enthusiastic support from Barnes shops. Sue Adams had offered to hold a coffee party in her garden to bring together the congregations of the different services. The PCC warmly welcomed all these initiatives.

NEXT MEETINGS: 20 July, 14 September, 19 October, 16 November.

The meeting concluded with the Grace.

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Appointments and committee membership for 2010/11

PCC ROLES

Vice Chairman	Peter Boyling
Secretary	vacant
Treasurer	Patrick Findlater
Electoral Roll Officer	vacant
Gift Aid Secretary	Chris Hine
Parish Clerk	Vic Nolan
SPA	Fiona Barnett
Family Service Assistant Pastor	Emma Powell
Sacristan	Sally Copland
Safeguarding Officers	Kate Boundy, Lucy Hine

TEAM COUNCIL

Clergy
Readers
Churchwardens
Elena Fletcher
Nichola Wood

PCC reps

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BARNES EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

PCC Reps	Clergy Rosie Findlater Christine Ljunghammar
PCC Barnes in Common Editor	vacant

STANDING COMMITTEE

Chair	Peter Boyling
Members	The Rector and Churchwardens Patrick Findlater Juliet Hogan Elena Fletcher

THINK TANK

Chair	Juliet Hogan
Members	Trisha Hawkins Peter Siddall Charlie Grainger

Elena Fletcher
Rosie Findlater

CHILDREN'S SUPPORT GROUP

Chair
Members

Anne Sullivan
Sarah Allen
Emma Powell
Fiona Sacks
Caroline Rouault

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair
Members

Juliet Hogan
The Rector and Churchwardens
Peter Siddall

MISSION GROUP

Chair
Members

Nick Bryant
The Rector and Churchwardens
Phil Bladen
Tim Budgen
Celia Cleave
Fouki Heller
William Heller
Markham Jackson
Caroline Rouault
David Thomas

FABRIC COMMITTEE

Chair
Members

Michael Murison
The Rector and churchwardens
Trisha Hawkins
Philip Bladen
Nick Phillips
Colin Haywood
Nick Bryant

KITSON HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chair
Treasurer
Manager
Members

Chessy Smith
Patrick Findlater
Maria Bryant
The Rector and Churchwardens
Philip Bladen (PCC)
Yvonne Wake (Users)
Robin Bushell (BCP)
Will Smith (Community)

THE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S

Chair
Treasurer
Members

Andrew Summers
Patrick Findlater
The Rector and churchwardens
Tim Budgen
Philip Bladen
David Barrie
Maisie Brown
David Greenwood
Charles Haswell
Christopher Morgan
Derek Senhenn

DAILY FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S

Organiser

Fiona Barnett

PASTORAL SUPPORT GROUP

Leader

Members

Fiona Barnett
 Rosie Findlater
 Eleanor Ennals
 Margaret Collenette
 Christabel Gairdner
 Alastair Mackie
 Jackie Northen

CHURCHYARD GROUP

Head Gardener

Members

Brenda Moore
 Mike and Margaret Marjoram
 Elizabeth Cowie

Sweepers:

Anthony & Patsy Miller, John Smith, Markham Jackson, Nick Phillips, Phil Bladen, Judy Gowing

Mower:

Giles Dimock

WEBSITE

Webmaster

Claire Boyling

BARNES AND MORTLAKE FISH SCHEME

St Mary's rep

Desmond MacDermott

ST MARY BARNES SCOUT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

St Mary's Rep

Ingvar Ljunghammar

RICHMOND WELCARE

Celia Cleave

CHRISTIAN AID

St Mary's Organisers

Jo MacDermott
 Frances Summers
 Iain Radford

BARNES ONE WORLD LINK

St Mary's rep

Elizabeth Casson

Organisers

Flower Arrangers

Saturday Coffee Shop

Sunday Coffee Rota

Barnes Fair, St Mary's role

Christmas Fair

Scrapbook

Book Group

Sewing circle

Sue Adams
 Judy Gowing
 Fiona Barnett
 Think Tank members
 Elena Fletcher
 Maisie Brown
 Celia Cleave
 Rosie Findlater