

**Barnes Team Ministry**  
**The Parish Church of St Mary Barnes**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council held on Tuesday 14 September 2010 at 7.50pm in the Ellerton Room

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Present: Peter Boyling in the Chair and the following members of the Council: Nick Bryant, Raymond Chapman, Patrick Findlater, Rosie Findlater, Christabel Gairdner, Vassos Georgiadis, Judy Gowing, Eddie Hartley, Juliet Hogan, Sarah Moore, Michael Murison, Paul Teverson, Pippa Woodroffe.

Apologies: Geoffrey Barnett, Phil Bladen, Lucy Brodie, Loraine Budgen, Celia Cleave, Elena Fletcher, Rose Robertson, Anne Sullivan, David Thomas.

Christabel Gairdner led Evening Prayer.

1. WELCOME

The chair welcomed members to the penultimate meeting before Richard Sewell's Induction.

2. DESIGNATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

On a proposal of Michael Murison, seconded by Judy Gowing, the Council approved the minutes of the meeting on 20 July 2010.

4. MATTERS ARISING

It was noted that after a stay in the churchyard of about two weeks the homeless visitor had been moved on by the police.

5. APPOINTMENT OF NEW TEAM RECTOR

Peter said that Richard Sewell had greatly welcomed the willingness of parishioners to help with a work party recently, and hoped that a second one could be arranged for 1 October. As agreed at the last meeting of the PCC Peter had explored with him whether additional financial help towards the cost of the redecoration of the Rectory was needed, and Richard had said that an additional £500 would be very useful. The PCC agreed to provide this amount.

Peter said that preparations for the Induction service on 16 November were in hand.

6. FINANCE

It was noted that we awaited a diocesan decision on the Fairer Shares payment for 2010, and confirmation of the amounts for the next three years.

Peter reported that the diocese was encouraging parishes to invite members of their congregations to make bequests to their church, and had produced written material to help parishes. The Council agreed that we should run a campaign this autumn, and that the Think Tank be asked to work out the approach to take and report back to the PCC. We should make the process of making a bequest as easy as possible by explaining how simple the process was, and offering a form of words.

7. REPLACEMENT OF THE HEATING

Following Eddie's comments at the last meeting, Peter had met him with Colin Haywood. We were grateful to Eddie for the helpful suggestions he had made on a number of technical points which were being adopted.

The Council considered whether to remove the panels either side of the altar behind which were elements of the old heating system which would now be redundant. After a look at the

panels and discussion of the advantages and disadvantages, it was decided that they should be removed, and the congregation should be invited to begin consideration of what if anything should replace them. Peter undertook to consult Andrew Summers on the wording of a note for the congregation. At the next meeting the PCC would consider approval of a formal resolution to seek a faculty. It was noted that the lighting of the opened up alcoves needed careful attention, and that the making good of walls and woodwork needed to be of high quality.

Nick Bryant reported on the heating appeal. The Barnes Workhouse Fund had agreed to make a substantial grant towards the work. We needed one more effort this autumn to raise the remaining funds needed, and the appeal team planned to ask members of the congregation to "Buy a Pipe". Most of the overall funding was coming from the Friends. The Council were pleased to hear this excellent news and expressed its gratitude to the appeal team.

#### 8. AUTUMN EVENTS

The Council noted the considerable programme of attractive events being organised for this autumn, and Rosie welcomed the involvement of so many helpers. Juliet reminded the Council of the dates for the Christmas Fair, for which Elena Fletcher was leading preparations; offers of items or experiences suitable for a Silent Auction are needed. Please contact Juliet or Elena.

#### 9. MISSION GRANTS

It was noted that the list of mission grants this year did not include the diocesan appeal for funding for Zimbabwean clergy. Ross had led the Southwark diocesan link committee with Matabeleland. The Council decided that the St Mary's should give £250 towards this project.

#### 10. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Peter noted that an advertisement had now been issued for this post, with a deadline of 25 September for applications. Pippa undertook to arrange for a school circulation of the advertisement as it appeared in Prospect. Raymond said that the Council must thank properly those who had stood in voluntarily during the period when we could not afford paid staff.

#### 11. PARKING OUTSIDE THE CHURCH

Peter noted that as a result of our campaign against the complete ban on parking outside the church, Richmond Council had proposed to allow for a few cars to be parked there after 7.15 in the evenings and all day on Sundays. Peter said that he and others had sent in objections to the proposal, on the grounds that a longer length of parking should be allowed. Our local councillors were on our side. Eddie added that the Council were responding to concern from the buses about congestion, but in fact there was no risk of this in the evenings and on Sundays. He encouraged members of the PCC to write to the Council quickly, even though the formal consultation period was over.

#### 12. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

a) Fabric. Michael reported that our architect's quinquennial report on the state of the building had been analysed and a programme of remedial work sketched out, spread over the next few years. One substantial recommendation was for the replacement of the flat roof, and the committee would provide advice to the PCC for work on this which might be done in 2011. The sycamore in the SE corner of the churchyard would be taken down on 21 September; it was threatening the wall.

b) Children. Peter reported that Anne Sullivan was stepping down from the chair of the Children's Support Group. He was grateful to her for all her work over recent years. We would soon need to put together a team to manage the Nativity Services. A number of PCC members supported a suggestion that this year the Nativity should be based in the sanctuary, to create a better sense of worship and reduce the workload on Christmas Eve.

Date of next meetings: 19 October, Monday 22 November. No meeting in December.

The meeting concluded with the Grace.