



Barnes Team Ministry

St Mary's Church Barnes Report
for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2009
for the year 2008

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THE ANNUAL MEETINGS

To be held in St Mary's Church on Wednesday, 29 April 2009 at 8 pm
6-8 pm a social occasion with refreshments and exhibition of the opportunities that
St Mary's offers members

A G E N D A

The meeting opens with prayer

- A. The Annual Meeting of Parishioners - For the purpose of electing two churchwardens to serve for the coming year
- B. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting
 1. Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 30 April 2008
 2. Report on the Church Electoral Roll
 3. a) The Election to the Parochial Church Council of five representatives to serve for three years
b) The Election of Sidesmen for 2009/10
 4. Report on proceedings of the PCC; and Rector's report on the year
 5. Report on the annual accounts
 6. Appointment of an independent examiner for 2009
 7. Report on the fabric of the church
 8. Reports on the Deanery Synod, and on Churches Together in Barnes
 9. Consultation on the proposed new heating system for the church
 10. Any other business
 11. Date of next meeting

The Grace

INTRODUCTION

This report is shorter than in the past. It contains the reports which must be made to the annual church meeting. It also provides a directory of the groups and activities that go to make up the community life of St Mary's, and we hope it will be a useful list for you for the coming year.

This year we are still recording the doings of each group over the last 12 months, and indeed their plans for the future. To find this record, please log on to our new website and you will find all this there in a separate report under the About Us tab. This new arrangement was suggested by the PCC's Think Tank, as a way of keeping the printed report to a manageable length, while giving the groups free rein to promote themselves.

On behalf of everyone at St Mary's we want to take this opportunity to thank the conveners of all the groups for their work over the year to enrich the life of the church; we treasure their commitment and the achievements that we can all see.

At the same time we thank our clergy, led by Ross, and our readers, for their uplifting leadership of St Mary's. We welcome Ross back from his sabbatical since the New Year, and thank all those who contributed to filling the gap left during his time away. We want to express particular thanks to Raymond for his continuing commitment to St Mary's.

We benefit so much too from the committed work of our staff: Maria Bryant, manager of Kitson Hall, Chris Bucknall, who was appointed Director of Music and Organist from October 2008, Peter Kain, who was Parish Administrator up to Christmas and his temporary successor Rachel Atwell, Christine Ljunghammar, who became Children's Pastor in September 2008 and Emma Powell, our Family Service Pastor. We thank them for their work that often goes unseen by many of us.

Fiona Barnett
Peter Boyling
Churchwardens

HONORARY ASSISTANT PRIEST

Through the past year I have been able to help Ross in the work of the parish, through officiating, preaching, taking funerals and home communions. It has been a privilege as well as a pleasure to do this, working with Lindsay, Bishop Richard, Joseph and our Readers, and to welcome the new talent of David Thomas. Our co-operation in sharing services has been tested and well proved while Ross has had

his sabbatical period. We are a varied team, some might say strangely assorted, but we work together in a way which should give encouragement at a time when the Church of England and the Anglican Communion are experiencing dispute and division. There is so much we can contribute to counter attacks on the Christian faith if clergy and laity work together. I like to think that I have been able to free some time for others to develop our parish growth, particularly the important youth work. I have helped some of the other churches in the Deanery during absences of their regular clergy. I have also joined in meetings with the other Barnes clergy and the CTIB Executive, where we can collectively present the Good News to Barnes in our time.

Raymond Chapman

REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The PCC year runs from May until April and the Council met on seven occasions during that year. The minutes of meetings are posted on the noticeboard and on the website.

We applauded the Bishop's decision to relicense our Rector, Ross, for a further term of up to seven years, when his first term ended midway through 2008. And we welcomed David Thomas as Team Curate when he joined us in the autumn.

During the year we have continued to work towards the objectives we set ourselves in 2006, towards the vision of the congregation celebrating the love of God openly and inclusively, and growing in faith and numbers.

I thank my fellow members of the Council for the time and talents they contribute to our work. We all wish to thank Marilyn Walker who retires from the Honorary PCC Secretaryship after a number of years' committed service.

Our worship has been enhanced by the musicianship of our Directors of Music, Cameron Burns and his successor from October, Chris Bucknall. We introduced at Advent a new setting for the Communion service, composed for us by Howard Goodall. We have greatly appreciated the contribution to our worship during the first few months of 2009 of those who led our services during Ross' sabbatical.

We took forward our objective to welcome and support people of all ages and traditions. We gave increased resources to our children's work by increasing the time commitment of our Children's Pastor to half a fulltime post, and we welcomed Christine Ljunghammar to the role. A new home group, the Red Lion group, was created to provide more opportunities for informal discussion. As a result of a debate in the PCC we sought to improve our welcoming of those who attend our

services. In line with our policy of inclusiveness we gave our support to the efforts to maintain the unity of the Anglican Communion.

During the year our garden of remembrance was enlarged and beautified; and names of loved ones can now be inscribed on the stones of its paths. We introduced a new website to improve communications with our congregation and parish; and we continued to plan and manage successful events to bring us closer together.

We want to maintain the vigour of our priority for mission, and we were delighted at the huge success of the annual Charity Balls run by the Friends of St Mary's, which benefited our mission projects as well as the church. The list of beneficiaries of the away giving of the church in the year is attached to this report. We continued to play a strong role in the work of our Team Ministry and Churches Together in Barnes.

Finally we continued to seek to improve the efficient management of the church. We welcomed Charlotte Kramer as the new chair of the Kitson Hall committee and thank her for the great success of her work through the year to develop the facilities of the hall and increase its use, and thus its income, which supports the church's resources. We appreciated the work of the Fabric Committee in developing a new heating system for the church that we hope will contain heating bills. We thanked Peter Kain for his work as our parish administrator and welcomed Rachel Atwell as his temporary successor while we appointed a new permanent administrator from April 2009. We continued to seek the regular giving we need from our membership to fund the work of the church, and wish to thank Geoffrey Barnett in particular for his leadership of that work. And we appointed Chris Hine as our new Gift Aid Secretary, with thanks to him for offering his support in this way.

Peter Boyling - Vice Chair of the Parochial Church Council
Marilyn Walker - Secretary of the Council

ST MARY BARNES – PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
Membership 2008-2009

Rector	The Rev'd Ross Collins (Standing Committee)
Churchwardens	Mrs Fiona Barnett (Standing Committee) Mr Peter Boyling (Standing Committee)
Ex Officio	The Rev'd Joseph Ayok-Loewenberg The Rev'd Lindsay Collins Miss Christabel Gairdner (Diocesan Synod)
Deanery Synod (retire 2011)	Mr Philip Bladen Mr Michael Murison Mr Harry Powell Mrs Joan Wheeler-Bennett
Ordinary Members (retire 2009)	Mrs Juliet Hogan (Standing Committee)
(retire 2010)	Mrs Loraine Budgen Dr Richard du Parcq (Standing Committee) Ms Sarah Moore Mr James Stephenson
(retire 2011)	Mr Geoffrey Barnett Ms Lucy Brodie Mrs Elena Fletcher (Standing Committee) Mr Vassos Georgiadis Mrs Anne Sullivan
Co-opted	The Rev'd Professor Raymond Chapman (Hon Asst Priest)
In attendance	Mrs Marilyn Walker (Secretary – non-voting)

KEY STATISTICS OF 2008

Baptisms	56
Admissions to First Communion	15
Confirmations	23
Weddings	13
Funerals in St Mary's	9
Funerals at the Crematorium	13
Worshippers	
- on Easter Day	476
- of whom communicants	211
- on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day	1519
- of whom communicants	352

MISSION GIVING IN 2008**From PCC funds, on recommendations of the Mission Group**

Welcare	1,797
SPEAR	300
Shenehom	300
Fish	400
St Luke's Hospital	250
West London Churches	353
Homeless Concern Appeal	
Support for Clergy in Zimbabwe	<u>600</u>
	£4,000

Collections and appeals

Bishop's Lent Appeal: £1,018.72

The Children's Society received support from the Christingle Service and from the Society's collection boxes

Charities supported by the St Mary's Saturday morning Coffee Shop included: Sight Savers, CLIC Sargent, Knights Youth Centre, British Liver Trust, St Mary's Churchyard, Barnardo's, Myeloma, Brooke Hospital for Animals, Alzheimer's, Linden Lodge School Putney, Save the Children, Royal Marsden, St Luke's, Trinity Hospice, Richmond Carers, Bicycles for Cambodia, WelCare, Castelnau Centre Project, MS Society, Greenfield School, Help for Heroes, Under Tree Schools, Diabetes UK, MS Hospice, SSAFA, FiSH, Gift of Water (Cafod/Oxfam).

HON TREASURER'S REPORT

In many respects 2008 was a most successful financial year for St Mary's. A substantially new Garden of Remembrance was nearly complete; the Friends of St Mary's had a most successful year, and notably financed the new stone pathways; the Kitson Hall went from strength to greater strength; the Flower Fund delighted many weddings and other ceremonies, decorated the church for Sundays, and turned in a good surplus; and the efforts of St Mary's people raised significant sums for our mission partners.

These and other successes are recorded in the latter pages of the annual account, and they promote a good sense of achievement and well-being.

The early pages of the account record 2008 action in St Mary's "General Fund". This might be seen as the "core business" of St Mary's, it deals with some less glamorous aspects of our church life, and it is very much bigger than all the other funds put together. It shows how we seek to balance giving by the congregation, and other income sources directly associated with the church, against what we spend on maintenance of the church and churchyard, services and other activities, church music and work with children, other principal PCC functions, and to fund stipendiary clergy.

It will be seen that just over 70% of our General Fund expenditure goes to the "Fairer Share" – our means-tested contribution to the overall cost of diocesan clergy. Our contribution is about three times the average for the 300 parishes across our diocese, because we have a fair-sized congregation, and because we showed ourselves in the 2007 confidential income survey to be relatively well-off. Your parish officers are convinced that the formula has been applied fairly, and that the diocesan budget correctly reflects Southwark's rather large number of stipendiary parish clergy.

An even larger proportion of our income – 73%, and arguably it should be higher still - is provided by congregational giving, augmented by Gift Aid tax refunds. In simple terms the (somewhat unpredictable) level of giving, by us, very largely determines each year whether our General Fund is in surplus or in deficit. Sadly, while exciting things happen – and great generosity is displayed – in other aspects of our life together, basic regular, general giving is crawling along rather slowly increases of 2.2 and 2.3% in the last two years.

For most years of this young millennium, the General Fund has run a deficit, mitigated partly by the occasional one-off legacy or other windfall, partly by funding some purchases out of the Legacies Fund, and partly by relying increasingly on eg "Events", notably the Barnes and Christmas Fairs, and sales of cards and prints [£14,000 in 2008] Kitson Hall surplus [£20,000 contribution in 2008] contributions by the Friends to some day-to-day costs, and a special

diocesan fund [£8,000 a year 2008-10]. These other sources of income have assumed crucial importance in the last few years; they expose us to a high dependency on the individuals whose hard work generates the money; and they are not big enough to disguise indefinitely, what is now a shortfall of several score thousand, in our annual corporate giving.

In 2008 the General Fund ran a very small surplus, primarily because expenditure was below budget. The budget saving from being without a paid children's pastor for much of the year, was about four times our budget surplus. If that was good fortune, we hope not to repeat it.

The PCC reviewed the persistently fragile General account, in the light of anticipated further sharp increases for 2009 and 2010, in our contribution to the stipendiary ministry costs of the Diocese. General unrestricted giving by the congregation has now slipped to about half of the diocesan guideline; a large proportion of giving is now by one-off cheques in response to specific appeals; and we are leaning progressively on other smaller sources of income [above] to make good the shortfall.

The PCC endorsed a "2010 Appeal" to raise a six-figure sum in new giving over the three years 2008-10, and particularly to secure a substantial increase in committed, regular and if possible gift-aided giving. This Appeal attracted significant donations in 2008, but not much more than was needed to match the one-off amounts in previous years. The number of new regular commitments was not sufficient to make good a year's natural wastage.

It was resolved to re-launch an appeal to "Fill up Barnsey" – a most attractive small, round, beaming, pink pig. Barnsey became a feature of Family Services for two months up to Mothering Sunday 2009. He is now taking a rest, but he will appear with renewed vigour in May. A little over one third of the original appeal target of a new £225,000 has been pledged; much remains to be raised.

Richard du Parcq
PCC Hon Treasurer

REPORT ON THE FABRIC

The Church

The Fabric Committee met six times in the year. In addition there were a number of meetings of smaller groups, undertaking inspections, maintenance, clearing and repair work. The continuing members of the committee were: Ross

Collins, Philip Bladen, Tim Budgen, John Deards, Trisha Hawkins (Secretary), Alan Mitchell, Iain Radford and myself; and we were joined by the two Church Wardens, Fiona Barnett and Peter Boyling. Those who joined later in the year were Nick Bryant, Michael Murison and Colin Haywood.

The major project which we completed, with work undertaken in summer/autumn 2008 and snagging in early 2009, was the extended Garden of Remembrance, together with converting the paths to the south and east of the church from gravel to york stone. This project, which was managed by Alan Mitchell, involved close co-operation with the Garden Committee under Brenda Moore. The path beyond the office in the north east of the churchyard, and indeed the entire north east area, was repaired and revived. A new york stone path was laid in this area, bisecting the extended Garden and running from the "circle" outside the office to a new curved bench, to be used by those visiting the Garden.

An elliptical stone by the bench reads: BLESSED ARE THEY THAT MOURN, FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED.

This new path picks up the line of the west to east path running from the middle door of the church Nave. The level of the path from the east gate to the office door was also raised, so that the circle has become a disabled friendly ramp into the church rooms on the north east side, similar to the ramp on the north west side.

We have begun to inter ashes in this area of extended Garden, and plots can be identified on a grid system that has been put in place.

In return for payment, we are also recording on the york stone path names of loved ones together with their dates of birth and death. By mid-March four york stone tablets were in position in the path, bearing 22 names. By the time of the annual meeting it is planned that there will be a further 17 names on another four tablets; and there is continuing interest for further names. (This is my project). We shall shortly be seeking a Faculty completion certificate.

The major project in hand is for a replacement to the church central heating, at present provided by hot air blowers on either side of the High Altar. There are disadvantages to this system, which has been in place since the 1984 rebuild. Elements of it need replacing periodically; it is not quiet; it is inimical to the organ because of its rapid gaining of heat; and its effect is not uniform throughout the church. We have therefore been considering other systems. Radiators would deal with many of the problems but bring some of their own in terms of physical space and aesthetics. The current recommendation of Mark Beedle, the church architect, is to make use of heat emitters buried in trenches.

As at mid-March we are therefore planning to confirm with our heating consultants, ENG, that this proposed method will give us the desired amount and distribution of heat. It would involve using the four trenches already in the church – two on either side of the High Altar and two in the Langton Chapel – and four newly created trenches.

In pursuing plans along these lines, we also plan to consult with the congregation at the 29 April annual meeting. Subject to this we shall need to seek a Diocesan Faculty, with a view to work being carried out early in 2010. This project was led in its early stages by John Deards, and is now in the hands of Colin Haywood who (like Alan Mitchell) is a member of the congregation who is a qualified architect.

Other projects involving Faculties are as follows:

Floodlighting (with Tim Budgen the project leader on the committee). We have obtained a Faculty Completion certificate.

We have sent to the Diocese the completion certificate for the Bell Tower monitor screen, which required a faculty.

Additional peal boards in the tower (with Trisha Hawkins the project leader on the committee). We plan for the work to be completed this Spring and we shall then seek a Faculty Completion certificate.

We are seeking a Faculty for the removal of two sycamore trees in the churchyard (with Peter Boyling liaising with Brenda Moore and the Garden Committee on this). One tree is threatening the integrity of an historic tomb in the Garden of Remembrance (and Richmond Council has told us that this will not need a replacement tree); and the other is threatening the integrity of the south east wall (we have taken regular measures of the lean of the wall, which is getting worse). In this case the Council has said that a replacement tree (and we have agreed an oak) will need to be in position and deemed to be “established” before we are allowed to remove the sycamore.

Other projects this year have been:

- reorganisation of the Kitson Room in preparation for the arrival last autumn of our new Curate. We have improved the storage space and allowed for the use of the room by the Director of Music and the choir, and by others.
- We are working hard on our health and safety standards, eg accident reporting, improved fire exit signage, revised fire evacuation procedures posted and circulated, and an annual local survey to investigate

outstanding issues. Over the next few months we plan to finalise the execution of a Health and Safety Policy, bringing together all these tasks, producing templates for each area/function within the church and designating responsible persons (we already have the tower as a template).

- Regular work parties designed to improve the appearance and workings of the church. Our church, with a lot of different users, is constantly in need of maintenance and tidying. We're very grateful to a great number of people (both individuals and groups such as the Good Companions), in addition to committee members, who have helped.
- We continue to be responsible for the regular checks and safety certificates in relation to electricity, gas, fire extinguishers, fire alarm etc and these are monitored at each of our meetings. Thanks are due to Trisha Hawkins who has been responsible for all these checks for the past five years, and she is now handing over to Michael Murison.

Particular thanks are due to four members of the committee standing down this year. (In alphabetical order) they are:

- Tim Budgen, who has served for ten years, five as Chair and a further five after he handed over to me. He has run many projects and has also been successful in obtaining financial help from different sources.
- John Deards, who set up the planning of the central heating project and has helped in a number of very practical ways, based on his many years of responsibility for the Kitson Hall.
- Alan Mitchell, whose major project (on the Garden of Remembrance, the northeast area of the churchyard and the main south and east paths) will last as a key achievement for many decades, and
- Iain Radford whose detailed knowledge of church workings has been very valuable and who in the past has been responsible for some very practical improvements to the Fabric.

I'm very confident that, notwithstanding these departures, the Fabric Committee will be in very good hands as (after five years) I hand over the chairmanship to Michael Murison, who has led a number of successful activities at St Mary's. Our other recent joiners are Nick Bryant who brings the expertise of building and property development; and Colin Haywood who is a practising architect. Philip Bladen, Trisha Hawkins, the Church Wardens and I will represent the continuity of the "old" committee – though some of course are older than others.

Nick Phillips
Chair of the Fabric Committee

The Kitson Hall

In 2008 a new management committee for the hall was established. This committee implemented necessary improvements to the interior and exterior of the building, ensured the building met health and safety standards, implanted a fair and consistent rental structure and created a plan for greater revenue production by establishing an afternoon nursery in the Small Hall.

Charlotte Kramer
Chair of the Kitson Hall Committee

TEAM COUNCIL

The three Church of England churches in Barnes are legally joined as a Team Ministry. While we keep our own PCCs and finances, the team structure gives us all, clergy and laity, the extra strength for our mission and ministry that comes from the mutual support that we can receive and give.

We work together in providing for our young people's activities. The Pathfinders group and Youth club (called FOOD) are run on a team basis, and the work of each church with younger children is supported through regular meetings of their leaders to share experiences. They work together in running the annual Team Children's Festival. During 2008 Russell Pearson our Pathfinders leader finished his time with us, and Revd Jean Boulton-Reynolds, who leads the team and runs the FOOD group has had to begin to cut down her hours. The Team Council has therefore decided to seek a part time Youth Worker for three years from September 2009, to run Pathfinders and the Youth Club under Jean's supervision. Meanwhile we have been fortunate to have with us Francisca Rusing from Cologne, who is spending her pre university gap year doing work with young people in Barnes.

Confirmations are run on a team basis, and in 2008 10 teenagers and 14 adults were prepared and confirmed. There was a Team retreat to Wychcroft in the spring of 2008 for a number of our congregations, which was a happy and successful event.

In September we welcomed the arrival of Revd David Thomas to the position of Team Curate. He plans to be with us for four years, doing work in all three parishes.

The Team owns and manages 52 Boileau Rd as a curate's house.

The Team is now ten years old and an independent review of its structure, mission and community involvement is to be carried out, to help us decide the direction of our future activity.

The membership of the Council includes the Team clergy, Readers and churchwardens with two elected lay members from each church. We are grateful to Loraine Budgen and Nichola Wood for their membership of the Council on behalf of St Mary's, and to Joanna Bennison who has become Treasurer of the Council in succession to Patrick Findlater, whom we thank for his service.

Peter Boyling

RICHMOND AND BARNES DEANERY SYNOD

The quarterly meetings of representatives of the 15 constituents of our deanery synod serve as a powerful reminder of the diversity of the Anglican Communion. Opinions are tested and common ground is sought in a democratic format in buildings that vary from Rocks of Ages to converted barns.

Large themes have been tackled as well as house-keeping. Inevitably money is a focus: how are we to lift and broaden the level of giving, the fairness of the quota system and the search for ways to keep young people within the orbit of the congregation.

Harmony prevails, notably at the meeting held at the Christ's School, Richmond when the advantages enjoyed by a voluntary aided comprehensive and primary school affiliated to the Church of England were manifest. Both Heads convincingly described the credo which cherishes every student and every family: the Ofsted reports are impressive too.

One meeting was more controversial. A Resolution passed by Deanery Synod for consideration by Diocesan Synod in June 2000 had been overlooked. A vote was taken and narrowly passed that this Resolution should be resuscitated, the nub of which is that sexual orientation should be no bar to the priesthood, We understand this item has now been on the Diocesan Synod agenda.

At our most recent meeting held on the Ham estate Bishop Tom honoured us with his lively presence. He offered an amusingly anecdotal account of last summer's Lambeth Conference. It was comforting to hear that Archbishop Rowan created an unusually friendly and informal atmosphere in which debate

flourished and rows withered. “Rowan’s spirituality surrounds him like a fish swims in water”.

Bishop Tom concluded with an uplifting aside: the advancement of women is not an issue. The battle is as good as won. The Archbishop’s support is overt but the administrative wheels are laborious There are women in our midst who will become Bishops.

Interfaith topics were not neglected. Visits to mosques and a synagogue have been arranged and the rise of atheism is on the next Agenda.

Joan Wheeler-Bennett
Member of Deanery Synod

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BARNES

The CTiB Executive is a committed team from the six Churches who meet to discuss community matters. To pass resolutions four members of the clergy are required to be present and though this is not always possible, business is led by the co-ordinator (this year Graham Pulham of the Baptist Church)

For 2009/2010 it has been decided to have an Easter rather than Christmas card and we will see how that goes. Regarding Barnes in Common, the churches’ magazine, we have agreed that as from September we will have four issues a year rather than six and will increase pages, so there will be more space for all the six churches’ activities and hopefully more advertisements.

Rosie Findlater
Member of Executive of CTiB

ST MARY’S SIDESMEN

David Barrie, David Blacklock, Claire Boyling, Elizabeth Casson, Brian Cleave, Celia Cleave, Tony Dundas, Patrick Findlater, Charles Goldsmith, David Greenwood, David Heyhoe, Ken Hitchcock, Wendy Kyrle-Pope, Desmond MacDermott, Josephine MacDermott, Alastair Mackie, Nigel Makepeace, Alan Mitchell, Nick Phillips, Ferelith Reay, Peter Siddall, Fiona Smith, Andrew Summers, Joan Wheeler-Bennett, Jonathon Wilson, Emma Wilson, Marjorie Wing, Ken George and Tiziana George.

I am retiring as head sidesman at the end of April. The new head sidesman will be Tiziana George, email: tiziana@ivysogt.co.uk.

Tony Dundas

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

THE ANNUAL MEETINGS

Minutes of the Meetings held in the Church on Wednesday, 30 April 2008 at 8 pm

Present: The Rector (the Rev'd Ross Collins) in the chair, the Churchwardens and 54 members of the parish.

The Rector thanked Juliet Hogan and all contributors for their work in preparing the displays of the church's activities, which had been enjoyed by a number of the parish over the previous two hours.

A EASTER VESTRY

For the purpose of electing churchwardens to serve for the coming year.

Nominations for churchwardens had been received as follows:

Fiona Barnett, proposed by Vic Nolan and seconded by Alan Reay

Peter Boyling, proposed by Giles Dimock and seconded by Marilyn Walker.

There being no other nominations, these two people were elected churchwardens for the coming year. The Rector thanked Phil Bladen and Fiona Barnett for their work as wardens over the last year. He particularly thanked Phil Bladen as he retired after six years as a model warden: he had been a great support through his immense knowledge, loyalty and sound advice.

B THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 April 2007

The minutes had been displayed on the porch notice board for the past year and also reproduced in the 2008 Annual Report. The meeting unanimously approved them as a true record on a proposal of Iain Radford, seconded by Michael Murison.

2. Church Electoral Roll

Peter Boyling reported on behalf of Peter Kain, the Electoral Roll Officer. There were 330 people on the roll. This was an increase of 48 on the 2007 Roll. Of the 330, 216 were resident within St Mary's boundary (an increase of 26). Of those non resident within the parish, 52 were resident within the boundaries of the other two churches of the Team Ministry (an increase of 7) and 62 outside.

3. Elections

(a) Deanery Synod (to serve for three years)

Nominations had been received as follows:

Joan Wheeler-Bennett, proposed by Geoffrey Barnett and seconded by Peter Boyling

Phil Bladen, proposed by Peter Boyling and seconded by Wendy Kyrle-Pope
Harry Powell, proposed by Richard du Parcq, and seconded by Christabel Gairdner
Michael Murison, proposed by Judy Gowing and seconded by Phil Bladen.
No other nominations were received at the meeting and the above were elected.

(b) Parochial Church Council (for five representatives to serve for three years).

The following nominations had been received:

Vassos Georgiadis, proposed by Peter Boyling and seconded by Helen Bladen
Lucy Brodie, proposed by Phil Bladen and seconded by Emma Powell
Anne Sullivan, proposed by Helen Bladen and seconded by Emma Powell
Geoffrey Barnett, proposed by Alan Reay and seconded by Wendy Kyrle-Pope
Elena Fletcher, proposed by Andrew Summers and seconded by Sally Copland.

There were no further nominations and these persons were elected unanimously.

(c) Election of Sidesmen for 2008-2009

Those people listed in the Annual Report were those proposed for the following year, namely: David Barrie, David Blacklock, Claire Boyling, Brian and Celia Cleave, Tony Dundas, Patrick Findlater, Ken and Tiziana George, Charles Goldsmith, David Heyhoe, Ken Hitchcock, Wendy Kyrle-Pope, Desmond and Josephine MacDermott, Alistair Mackie, Alan Mitchell, Nick Phillips, Ferelith Reay, Peter Siddall, Fiona Smith, Andrew Summers, Joan Wheeler-Bennett, Jonathan and Emma Wilson and Marjorie Wing.

Election of these persons was approved unanimously.

(d) Appointment of a representative on the executive of Churches Together in Barnes

Phil Bladen proposed that Rosie Findlater be a St Mary's representative on the executive committee of Churches Together in Barnes. The meeting approved her appointment unanimously.

4. Finance

Richard du Parcq, PCC Hon Treasurer, reported on the accounts for 2007. He noted that income had been unusually high. This resulted from three exceptional factors: St Mary's had supported our Under Tree Schools mission project by claiming Gift Aid on its behalf before it became a registered charity; there had been a specific donation of £19,000 for funding our Family Service pastor; and there had been two substantial legacies and a large donation. Along with valuable increases in income from church events, lettings and weddings this had transformed the state of our General Reserve, which had risen from £15,000 at the start of the year to £70,000 at the end.

He suggested that the exceptional income gave a useful breathing space while we raised total giving to the levels needed for the future, including to meet increasing payments to the diocese. At present our giving was half the levels the diocese recommended. He commended the new appeal to the congregation.

He would over the coming year be seeking to reduce the number of designated funds which complicated accounting.

Andrew Summers proposed the adoption of the accounts, seconded by Monty Brown, and this proposal was carried unanimously. The Rector thanked the Treasurer warmly for his hard work on the finances throughout the year.

5. 2010 Stewardship Appeal

Geoffrey Barnett announced an appeal to the congregation for £225,000 to meet those anticipated costs of St Mary's to the end of 2010 that were not covered by existing levels of committed giving. There were three changes to the standard appeals we had been running in the past:

- we would be focussing on the 300 or more members of St Mary's who did not at present have regular financial commitments to the church;
- we would take a three year view to end 2010;
- we would celebrate those who gave regularly, by publishing a list of the names of those who agreed to publicity.

Committed givers had been sent a preview of this appeal, which would begin immediately.

In answer to questions and comments he noted that we would keep the appeal refreshed over its life; there would continue to be an annual invitation to review levels of giving; he agreed that a commitment to regular giving was an objective; and he endorsed the comment that we should continue to publicise the opportunity to leave a legacy to St Mary's. It was also suggested that committed givers be reminded of the amount that they were giving.

The Rector thanked Geoffrey for the concept and leadership of the appeal, and thanked the congregation for their existing commitments to St Mary's.

6. Appointment of an Auditor

It was noted that under new legislation we would need an independent examiner for the 2008 accounts. The meeting agreed to delegate to the PCC the appointment of a suitable person.

7. Rector's review of the year

The Rector noted that after his recent visit to Zimbabwe he had been summoned for a meeting with Bishop Tom. In the meeting the Bishop had commented that he couldn't think of a better parish in the diocese than St Mary's or a better Team Ministry than Barnes. He had considered that the clergy team would be the envy of many cathedrals; and he had felt that the manner of St Mary's representations to the diocese on the potential future impact on parishes of increasing levels of payments to the diocese had been constructive and loyal. The Rector thanked all the members of the clergy team for their great contributions to

St Mary's life; and he added that the Bishop could not have known how impressive also was the lay leadership at St Mary's.

The Rector suggested that attendances at St Mary's were good, we had a range of activities which were going well, our finances had been swelled, including by the second Barnes Charity Ball, our support of our main mission projects had risen to a new level, and there was a range of ages, backgrounds and interests represented in the congregation. He felt that the congregation was at ease with itself, and that they found St Mary's a place of reflection and prayer, where they could refocus. All this was essential.

He now encouraged reflection on the diversity of our lives outside the church, and in particular on how church life should be relevant to our outside lives, such as bringing up children, our employment, the way we spent our money. He also asked for a discussion of how we should engage with the broader church, eg in Zimbabwe or Southern Sudan and with other faiths, eg Islam. Could we define ourselves by our involvement in the world, using our resources, which were higher than most other churches had available?

The meeting broke into groups to discuss what should be done at St Mary's to meet our own needs, and what opportunities there were for us to play a role in Barnes and the wider world. Reconvening, the Rector said that all the comments which had been made would be collated and studied by the PCC to produce a plan for the future.

He invited immediate comments on key points made in discussion. Responses included the following.

As to our needs we should:

- have a constant focus on communication, eg through the website
- be prepared to ask people to take on the tasks that needed to be done
- stimulate more interaction between the 10am and 11.30am congregations
- hear more of what the young people in church were doing
- welcome more space/silences in the services
- seek to strengthen the prayer group.

As to opportunities to have a larger role in Barnes and the wider world:

- we should advertise ourselves more widely in Barnes
- we could take a bigger role in FiSH (though we may not realise the scale of the current involvement of church members)
- for many of us our main world was the world of work
- we could twin with another body outside Barnes.

8. Any Other Business

Andrew Summers expressed his great appreciation of all the Rector was doing in his leadership of the church. The meeting strongly endorsed these thanks.

9. Date of Next Meeting

This was remitted to the PCC for a decision.

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DIRECTORY OF ST MARY'S GROUPS

BELL RINGERS

St Mary's has 8 bells which are rung in the traditional "full circle" way, producing the unique sound of English church bell ringing. They are rung every Sunday before the 10.00 am Service, and also for weddings and other special Services as required. The ringers practise on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings and co-operate with the ringers at other churches in the area to help each other meet ringing commitments and practice. They also enjoy Outings when they visit other churches and ring their bells. We would welcome some new recruits – anyone over 11 years old can learn to ring.

For more details of our activities and to learn about bell ringing, please visit our page on the St Mary's website: www.stmarybarnes.org under 'Groups'

Contacts: Andrew Howard-Smith (Captain) - 020 8876 1403
Trisha Hawkins (Secretary) - 020 8741 1413

Email: bells@stmarybarnes.org

BOOK GROUP

St Mary's Book Group meets 4-5 times a year to discuss a book which either the group or group discussion leader has chosen. Recent discussion leaders have included Bishop Richard Harries and Father Paul Holland.

We have no membership criteria apart from a willingness to read the chosen book.

Contact: Celia Cleave 88760254 or celia@cleave3.orangehome.co.uk

CHILDREN'S WORK

We aim to provide opportunities for young people of all ages.

MiniMarys is for mums and carers, with newborns, toddlers and pre-school children. It meets on Thursday afternoons in the Ellerton Room for an hour. Sparklers, for 3-6 year olds, and Discoverers, for 7-11 year olds, meet in the Kitson Hall at 10am on Sundays, and join the end of the Parish Communion.

The annual course of preparation for children's First Communion is under way, with 11 weekly sessions culminating in Admission to Holy Communion on 17 May.

A number of individual events are held throughout the year, including in Holy Week and the annual Team Children's Festival in the summer.

To know more, or to offer your time as a helper in a group, please contact our Children's Pastor, Christine Ljunghammar: tel 020 8876 8388 mobile 07979 483 177 email: cljunghammar@yahoo.co.uk

The Children's Support Group headed by Anne Sullivan meets once a term to support Christine in planning and evaluating events.

CHURCHYARD

We are a small group of volunteers who meet once a month usually on Sunday afternoons to tend the churchyard. We prune the shrubs and the roses, plant perennials and bulbs and tackle the ivy where it encroaches on the tombs. The aim is to maintain seasonal planting for our many visitors and churchgoers so that it acts as a pleasant place to be and look at, as well as a fitting for the church.

Brenda Moore
020 8748 8214
brendaweedenmoore@yahoo.co.uk

COFFEE SHOP ON SATURDAYS

This is undergoing something of a revival. Some of us have decided it is an institution which cannot be allowed to fade away and there is a meeting planned for those running a coffee shop on 9th May, when we will discuss ways of improving the way it is run so that people feel they are doing something worthwhile for their particular charity.

All are welcome

Contact: Rosie Findlater Telephone 020 8876 5338

Email: rosemary@pfindlater.plus.com

DAILY FRIENDS

These are the volunteers who give an hour once a fortnight to keeping the church open between 10.30 and 12.30 Monday to Friday mornings, most of whom have responsibility for cleaning a particular area of the church. (More

are always welcome!)

Fiona Barnett

Email: fiona.barnett2@btinternet.com

FiSH

FiSH is the local voluntary neighbourhood help scheme for the residents of Barnes, Mortlake & East Sheen. FiSH provides assistance and support, especially to people with limited means, helping them to maintain their independence.

FiSH volunteers offer to collect pensions and shopping, provide transport to local hospital appointments and other requests; we also organise escorted outings and shopping trips with our disabled-access minibus, a befriending service and FiSH 'n' Chats, a drop-in confidential listening service at Sheen Lane Centre (and on a trial basis at St Michael, Barnes on the first Friday of the month.) In addition there is a weekly "Tuesday Talk" most of the year at Barnes Green Centre and regular social events.

We have no formal membership requirements such as age limit or a joining fee; but we do ask that people wanting to use the services of FiSH register as a client-user and donations for the help we give are encouraged. Please contact the FiSH office on 8876 3335, or email info@fishhelp.org.uk for more information and a user registration form.

FLOWER ARRANGING AT ST MARY'S

We are a small team of keen and able flower arrangers who meet on Friday mornings. In addition to the weekly flowers that grace the church we do many weddings and special arrangements for the festivals of the Church's year. We welcome people with an interest in flowers to join us and gain experience.

Contact details: - Sue Adams 020 8748 2040 sue.adams@betinternet.com

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S

The Friends raise funds for the upkeep and renovation of the historic church building and churchyard and promote public awareness of its place in the history and life of Barnes. We run a series of events throughout the year

from concerts to talks to valuation days as well as the annual Barnes Charity Ball. All those who come to our events are regarded as “Friends” of St Mary’s.

Contact Andrew Summers at friends@stmarybarnes.org 020 8876 6719

GOLDEN GIRLS

We are a social group for retired and lady members of St. Mary's and the community. We get together monthly for an outing or tea/lunch in members' homes. Members are informed about future events by letter and notices printed in the weekly pewsheets.

If you are interested in joining us please contact Hilary or Loraine and we shall be happy to welcome you.

Hilary Cooper
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Barnes,
SW13 9ND
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hecooper@aol.com

Loraine Budgen,
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GOOD COMPANIONS

The Good Companions is a social group for men who have retired, are partially retired or who work from home. We try and have a members’ lunch every month and these are usually held in our houses and occasionally in the Bull’s Head. In addition we visit a wide variety of places and organise a number of walks and occasional work parties for Kitson Hall and St Mary’s. We are now in our ninth year and have an active membership of about 55.

2008 was a very active year. The highlight of our year was the completion of our walk of the Thames Path, from the Barrier to the Source – 185 miles. This year we covered seven sections of the walk and for each of them Brian Turk reconnoitred in advance our route, arranged our travel with the Fish minibus and also our lunches. We have had tours of the Olympic sites, the Mansion House, the British Museum, the Royal Academy, Salisbury Cathedral and Arundells - Sir Edward Heath’s House in the Close, Marble Hill House and Ham House. We have had eleven of our members’ lunches and three at the Bull’s Head. With the exception of our men’s lunches, our wives join us on all our walks and visits.

Co-ordinator – Tim Budgen
 Telephone 0208 748 3413
 e-mail – t.j.budgen@btinternet.com

KITSON HALL

Kitson Hall is a terrific venue for a wide range of church and community activities. Kitson offers a large hall, with stage, and a smaller hall, and has kitchen facilities. We provide a wide range of leisure [activities](#), including daily neighbourhood activities, events, receptions and dinners, which enhance community life.

Maria Bryant is the contact for the hall and can be reached by telephone 020 8878 7883 or email by at kitsonhall@stmarybarnes.org

LANGTON CHAPEL

Quiet Time in the Langton Chapel: Thursdays, 11.15 - 11.45 a.m.

A dedicated time and place for parishioners or visitors to be quiet, reflect, pray, on a regular or occasional basis. In addition, during Lent and Advent this time is also utilised for readings and meditations on the work of Julian of Norwich. All welcome.

Shelagh or Philip Mitchell: philip.mitchell@talk21.com.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

The Marriage Preparation Team helps couples having a wedding in Barnes prepare for their future marriage. Once a couple has met with the clergy, the co-ordinator puts them in touch with one of the six trained team couples. The engaged couple then has two evening sessions with this team couple, where they talk confidentially about issues relating to married life, based around a set of questionnaires. The team meets twice a year over supper.

Sarah Allen – Marriage Preparation Co-ordinator
 0208 748 9430 sarahcallen1@gmail.com

MISSION GROUP

The Group's role is to raise awareness among the people of St Mary's of the priority of mission, to inform the congregation about our main mission projects, the Under Tree Schools project in southern Sudan and the Castelnaud Centre Project in North Barnes, and to give guidance to the PCC on the allocation of funds for its away giving.

Tim Budgen – Chairman
Telephone 0208 748 3413
e-mail t.j.budgen@btinternet.com

MUSIC

St Mary's has well established senior and junior choirs under the direction of our Director of Music. We welcome anyone interested in joining us.

The Senior Choir practises at 7.30pm every Wednesday apart from a summer break (July and August).

We are currently looking to swell the ranks of the Junior Choir. It offers children from Years 4-6 a fantastic opportunity to sing and appreciate music. It meets on Wednesdays in term-time from 6.15-7.15pm in church. The children sing once a month at the 10am service on a Sunday, often with the Senior Choir, and at occasional Sunday evening services.

Please have a word with Chris Bucknall, our Director of Music and Organist or email him at music@stmarybarnes.org.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

We individually have concern for particular members of our parish community and are always glad to be put in touch with anyone who would welcome a visit or help in some form.

The Intercessory Prayer Group meets monthly on a Monday afternoon to pray for those who are on our prayer list or who have particularly asked for us to pray for them. And we hope anyone wanting prayer for themselves or someone they know would get in touch with us.

Contact Fiona Barnett on her email: fiona.barnett2@btinternet.com

PATHFINDERS

Pathfinders is for years 7&8 (11-13 year olds), run on a Sunday evening from 6-7.30 pm, in the Kitson Hall. Each week we provide the space for young people to let off some steam and explore their faith in an accepting, fun-loving environment. We set out to engage with the Christian faith in

fresh and exciting ways in order to unlock its inspiring and encouraging messages through games, discussion, team building activities and expeditions.

Currently we are looking for a leader but in the meantime should you require any information please email lucinda.40gilpin@btinternet.com

RED LION GROUP

The Red Lion group grew out of a St Mary's adult confirmation group in the summer of 2008. Members of the group wanted to 'keep asking questions and discussing answers' and so decided to continue meeting after their confirmation.

The style is informal (it is after all held in a pub!) and the topics for discussion guided by the interests of the group. Since starting to meet in July 2008 we have grappled with a number of subjects including: 'The role of the Church in political life'; 'Personal ambition and the Christian faith'; 'What is the point of Anglicanism?'; 'Should there be church schools?'; 'Jesus the Jew'; 'What is a Christian response to the financial crisis?'

We meet on the second Tuesday of every month in the Red Lion pub (it used to be the first Tuesday but we moved it due to a clash with 'Space to Be') and everyone is welcome!

For more information please chat to Harry Powell or Paula Reynolds.

Harry Powell harry.powell@asquithnurseries.co.uk
Paula Reynolds pea_reynolds@hotmail.com

SACRISTAN

The sacristan sets up the silver for the service and is responsible for the care, maintenance and ordering of candles, robes, silver, etc; also for co-ordinating the training of acolytes, Crucifers and servers; and as well as ensuring everything is ready for the services.

Anyone is welcome to become involved, either as a member of the sanctuary party or helping with the general care and organisation of the sanctuaries.

The sacristan is Sally Copland and can be contacted on 020 8748 3150 or via the church office.

SCOUTS

St Mary Barnes Scout Group is a uniformed youth movement for children aged 6 - 18 . Our aim is to help develop the whole child, through, fun, badge work, and outdoor activities.

HQ in Queen Elizabeth Walk, Barnes SW13 (just before Wetlands).

We have a new website to browse - www.smbscouts.org.uk.

Contacts details:

Pieter van de Wiel - Group Scout Leader - gsl@smbscouts.org.uk Tel: 020 8942 – 3662

Mike Dixon – Chair - chair@smbscouts.org.uk Tel: 020 8741 - 7772

SCRAPBOOK

The St. Mary's Scrapbook, now in its 3rd edition, is intended to be an informal, and hopefully, long-lasting record of the Church and the various activities which go to make up the daily life of its community. Photographs and notes relating to the many groups within the church are most welcome and my thanks to all those who have provided me with material during the year.

Please keep it coming. Contributions may be left addressed to me at the church office or sent via e mail to mandmbarnes@blueyonder.co.uk

Maisie Brown.

SEWING CLUB

This is a new group which meets at 2.30 pm on a Monday afternoon in the Ellerton Room at St Mary's. From the start it was a very relaxing, therapeutic time, enjoyed by all and seems to be snowballing. It is open to all and already one of us has learned to knit and one of us has found a tapestry which she started 25 years ago and which she may well now finish!!

Rosie Findlater Tel: 0208 876 5338

Email: rosemary@pfindlater.plus.com

SOUTHWARK PASTORAL AUXILIARY

My work as a Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary is wrapped up in what I do around the parish here.

Fiona Barnett

Email: fiona.barnett2@btinternet.com

THINK TANK

We are a small group with the mission to propose to the PCC ways to increase the number of parishioners who seek to become actively involved as contributing members of St. Mary's Church, financially and through giving of their time, efforts and talents. We act as initiators of ideas, facilitators and supporters, encouraging people to take on organising roles. We endeavour to involve a wider proportion of the congregation in running and supporting the activities of this church.

We welcome the involvement of all those interested in extending the sense of community at St Mary's.

Contact Michael Murison tel:020 8876 6353

email: thinktank@stmarybarnes.org

YOUTH GROUP

The Team youth group, called FOOD (Finding Our Own Destiny) is for young people of 13-18 years of age. It is led by Revd Jean Boulton-Reynolds of Holy Trinity Church.

Contact her at holytrinitychurch@talktalk.net. And see their website at www.holytrinitychurch.org.

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Mr Vic Nolan (Parish Clerk) 22 Brookwood Avenue, SW13	8487 1208
Mrs Anna McGowan Parish Administrator and PCC Secretary Church Office	8741 5422
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SERVICES

SUNDAYS

- 8.00 am Holy Communion
- 10.00 am Parish Communion
(with Sparklers and Discoverers)
- 11.30 am Family Service
- 6.00 pm Evensong (Choral or Said)
(3rd Sunday – Service of Healing and Wholeness)

DAILY PRAYERS

Monday – Friday 9.05 am in the Langton Chapel

MIDWEEK

Thursday 12noon Holy Communion (followed by lunch every fortnight)

In addition to service times, the church is open for visitors and private prayer Monday – Saturday 10.30 am – 12 30 pm

St Mary's Church is part of the Barnes Team Ministry, together with
Holy Trinity Church, Castelnau
Vicar: The Rev'd Jean Boulton-Reynolds 8748 5744
St Michael's Church, Elm Bank Gardens
Vicar: The Rev'd Paul Holland, 8876 5230