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Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
St Mary's Church Barnes  
8pm 26 April 2010

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## THE ANNUAL MEETINGS

To be held in St Mary's Church on Monday, 26 April 2010 at 7.45 for 8 pm

### 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 29 April 2009
  - 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 2010/11
  - 4. Report on proceedings of the PCC
  - 5. Report on the annual accounts
  - 6. Appointment of an independent examiner for 2010
  - 7. Report on the fabric of the church
  - 8. Report on the Team Council
  - 9. Reports on the Deanery Synod, and on Churches Together in Barnes
  - 10. Discussion: St Mary's - the future
  - 11. Any other business
  - 12. Date of next meeting

The Grace

## **INTRODUCTION BY THE CHURCHWARDENS**

Much has happened since the last APCM. Ross visited Malek in April 2009 with Peter Boyling and Christabel Gairdner to officially open the Under Tree School, and at the end of August Joseph, with Karin and the children, left us to take up the post of vicar in a team in Kidderminster, where he was inducted in a wonderful service in September. Soon after this Ross became unwell. He has not played a part in church life since, but resigns effective end July 2010. We had a packed service in February to say farewell to Ross, Lindsay and the children, followed by a party in Kitson Hall where they were presented with two albums containing photographs, messages and drawings from their nine years with us.

Our services in Church have continued to flourish thanks to the willing commitment of Raymond, Richard, David and our lay readers, as well as other Team clergy, and we owe a massive debt of thanks to Peter Boyling as PCC Chairman for having shouldered so much beyond the call of duty. Our music, under Chris Bucknall's skilled direction, has been an inspiration, and the choir goes from strength to strength.

Anna McGowan's spell as Parish Administrator concluded in November, she finding a busy office and a growing family a bit too much. Since then financial pressures have meant we could not afford a paid replacement, and for the same reason we had to let go Christine Ljunghammar as Children's Worker; following a memorable Nativity Play as her swan-song. We have been very sorry to lose both of them. The office has been staffed in the meantime by a team of volunteers, who have done an admirable job.

The difficulties we have experienced in the past year have had a very positive side in developing friendship and a sense of Christian community, and getting to know one another better. 2010 will be an exciting time as we recruit a new incumbent, and work towards a renewed stewardship commitment, making a grateful response to God for his blessings on us. We can all have a part to play in the future of St Mary's, whether giving time, talents or money.

Fiona Barnett  
Rosie Findlater  
Churchwardens

## **HONORARY ASSISTANT PRIEST**

This has been a difficult year for all of us, clergy and laity together. Being without an active incumbent for many months, together with a strained financial situation, has made extra demands on many people, but the result has been a great response of voluntary support which has made it possible to maintain the usual services and other activities, even at the busiest times. For my own part I have been privileged to work with Bishop Richard and David Thomas, and with our valued and indefatigable Readers. It is a joy to be able to preach, visit, baptize, and above all to celebrate the holy Eucharist for those who are residents with me in Barnes, and who have shown me so much friendship. There has been a welcome increase in our parish family through requests for adult as well as for infant baptism. I am confident in our future as a parish, if we will maintain our centre of worship and trust in God for grace to fulfil our calling. I have valued sharing the faith with the other churches, a small representation of the ecumenical movement which is gaining strength in response to the many challenges to the Christian faith in this land. I look to the next few months with hope and with expectation of a priest who will lead us forward to new blessings.

Raymond Chapman

## **REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

The PCC's biggest concern over the last twelve months has been to sustain St Mary's during the difficult period since Ross became ill last September. We had initially hoped his sick leave would be shortlived, and it was a great sadness to us when we heard his announcement in January that he felt obliged to resign from the incumbency as from July and would remain on sick leave until then. We have sorely missed the colour and vibrancy of his leadership of the parish and his strategic input into our life. We were very pleased however that he proposed a farewell Eucharist; and the service on 7 February and following reception enabled almost 500 of us to attend and celebrate the wonderful blessings which his ministry and that of Lindsay have given us individually and as a congregation.

The PCC has followed the same objectives as we have set ourselves over the past years: vibrant worship, activities for young people, a vigorous programme for mission, playing a full part in the Team and Churches Together in Barnes, and efficient administration.

It was most unfortunate that our income fell substantially short of our expenditure commitments during the year, despite continuing encouragement to all to have standing orders, and despite the generous response of a number of our congregation to the urgent financial appeal we made in October. To ensure that we had a balanced budget for 2010 we felt unable to fill the vacant post of parish administrator and with great regret we had to make redundant the post of children's pastor. This has meant that the work of these two posts has had to be filled by volunteers and we are most grateful to those who have given their time and skills to support St Mary's in these and so many other ways.

We have also taken an initiative to review our processes for practising Christian Stewardship; we met the diocesan adviser in January and have planned action for introduction this spring.

We have begun to plan our search for a successor to Ross, and to help us define our situation and our needs we have consulted the congregation. We are most grateful for the 67 replies we have received. It is reassuring that there is an overwhelming feeling that St Mary's is seen as a welcoming community both for our regulars and for newcomers, and that we are right to respond to the varied needs of our congregation with our wide range of services and high quality music. We thank all who lead our services.

The consultation replies show a widespread appreciation for St Mary's support for families, including through the family service. We know though that demand for the crèche and Junior Church activities during the Parish Communion has reduced over recent years; and this is a challenge we will need to meet in the future. But we welcome the creation in 2009 of MiniMarys for toddlers and their carers which clearly seems to meet a need.

Our new mission group seeks to encourage the congregation to learn more about the local and international charities we have identified, and to get involved in one or more of them in some way. We congratulate the organisers of the Barnes Ball, which has again raised such substantial income to support our charities.

We continue to play our part in the Team and in CTiB. We have been given strong support by our fellow churches in the Team during Ross' absence and we are especially grateful to Father Paul Holland of St Michael's.

Inevitably administrative matters have taken some time in our PCC meetings. The minutes of meetings are posted in the church porch and on the website for all to read, but I would like to record our thanks to Chessy Smith for taking over the chair of the Kitson Hall Management Committee and to Tiziana George for taking on the new role as our bookkeeper. We postponed the start of the project to replace the heating system because of competing pressures for finance, but the heating appeal will run this summer. We wish to recognise here the hard work of Anna McGowan as our parish administrator and Christine

Ljunghammar as children's pastor during the year. And we say goodbye and thank you to our retiring Hon Treasurer Richard du Parcq with special thanks for carrying a very substantial burden for six years.

During the year we adopted new diocesan guidance to safeguard our children. And under new legislation we needed to be registered with the Charity Commission and received our registration number 1134840.

Peter Boyling - acting Chair of the Parochial Church Council

ST MARY BARNES PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL: Membership 2009-2010

Rector	The Rev'd Ross Collins (Standing Committee)
Churchwardens	Mrs Fiona Barnett (Standing Committee) Mrs Rosie Findlater (Standing Committee)
Ex Officio	The Rev'd Joseph Ayok-Loewenberg (till September 09) The Rev'd Lindsay Collins The Rev'd David Thomas
Deanery Synod (retire 2011)	Mr Philip Bladen Mr Michael Murison Mr Harry Powell (till January 2010) Mrs Joan Wheeler-Bennett (till April 2010)
Ordinary Members (retire 2010)	Mrs Loraine Budgen Dr Richard du Parcq (Standing Committee) Ms Sarah Moore
(retire 2011)	Mr Geoffrey Barnett Ms Lucy Brodie Mrs Elena Fletcher (Standing Committee) Mr Vassos Georgiadis Ms Anne Sullivan
(retire 2012)	Mr Peter Boyling (vice chair) Mr Nick Bryant Mrs Juliet Hogan (Standing Committee) Mrs Rosemarie Robertson
Co-opted	The Rev'd Professor Raymond Chapman (Hon Asst Priest) Miss Christabel Gairdner

**KEY STATISTICS OF 2009**

Baptisms	44
Admissions to First Communion	8
Confirmations	none
Weddings	16
Funerals in St Mary's	7
Funerals at the Crematorium	3
Worshippers	
- on Easter Day	385
- of whom communicants	225
- on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day	1287
- of whom communicants	334

**MISSION GIVING IN 2009****From PCC funds, on recommendations of the Mission Group**

Welcare	1,000
SPEAR	300
Shenehom	300
Fish	300
Castelnau Centre Project	1,000
Support for Clergy in Zimbabwe	800
West London Churches	
Homeless Concern Appeal	<u>300</u>
	£4,000

**Collections and appeals**

Bishop's Lent Appeal: £1,256.36

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

A number of charities were also supported by the St Mary's Saturday morning Coffee Shop.

**HON TREASURER'S REPORT**

As these notes go to press, the financial statements for 2009 are with the Independent Examiner. When they appear for the APCM, it will be seen that they are in a new and I hope more helpful format; this is generated automatically by "Finance Co-ordinator" which is now being used effectively by Hon Bookkeeper Tiziana George. Please look after Mrs George very carefully; her contribution is absolutely crucial. For the first time, we are able to "export" a wide variety of financial reports from a comprehensive double-entered data base, using software expressly designed for the Church of England.

The "Statement of Financial Activities" shows that our total expenditure was a little over £400,000 for the second successive year, and the total net deficit of the order of £30,000, again for a second year. The Balance Sheets show that our net current assets at year-end were reduced from £191,000 to £161,000.

A large part of the 2008 deficit, and a small part of the 2009 deficit, were occasioned by substantial expenditure on the Garden of Remembrance. However we have had a worrying time in 2009 with the General Fund.

The General Fund accounted for expenditure of £240,000, 60% of the total. The remaining 40% is made up of a dozen other funds, two restricted in application, the others designated at present to particular purposes. These other funds are all shown in the financial statements, and very largely explain themselves.

The General Fund deals with our "core business" of maintaining and servicing our church building, running services and other activities, employing certain people, running core church Events partly to raise funds, and paying our proper contribution to the costs of the stipendiary clergy of the diocese. Because we are a biggish congregation with biggish income on average, we pay about three times the average among Southwark's three hundred parishes.

Those core activities, considered on their own, always run at a loss, varying irregularly over the last five years, from £9,464 in 2005 to £56,121 in 2009. These deficits are funded occasionally, most recently 2007, by legacies or welcome special donations.

They are funded more regularly by money from other funds, notably [a] the Friends Fund, which over those five years has progressively both funded certain revenue expenditure around the church and churchyard, and made substantial payments from the

Charity Ball surplus, and [b] the Kitson Hall. The diversion of money from the Kitson Hall has climbed to £28,000 in 2009 and again in 2010, on a rather optimistic view of increasing revenue. At present that sum exceeds the gross operating surplus of the Hall; this is clearly unsustainable.

Late in 2008, the PCC set a 2009 budget for a deficit just over £20,000 – broadly £50,000+ on core business, less fund transfers of £30,000+. We did so in firm conviction that the things we were spending money on were highly desirable; there was the annual hope that Giving by our congregation would rise from its present level, which is not good in comparison with other parishes; and there may have been a feeling that “it wouldn’t turn out that bad”.

By August 2009 it became clear that it could turn out a great deal worse. Expenditure came in very much as expected; but Income took four hits. The least surprising in retrospect was that Interest on our balances 2009 was way down on the boom year of 2008; take-up of memorial inscriptions in the Garden of Remembrance somewhat disappointing; the major hirer of church rooms cut back hard; and worst of all, Giving was coming in way below 2008.

The PCC alerted the congregation by various means, Giving recovered, though still to slightly less than the 2008 figure, and there was a splendid surge in fundraising efforts, notably a Russian choral evening, Christmas Cards and their delivery, and the Christmas Fair. The Administrator resigned in November. The final outturn for the General Fund, after all fund transfers, is a deficit of £22,919, reducing the General Reserve from £70,000 to £47,000.

We cannot go on like that for very long.

The PCC has set a balanced budget for 2010. This involves [1] not replacing the Administrator [2] not replacing the Children’s Worker [3] some tightening of cash limits across the board, and [4] further increased support by the Friends.

Our position will improve when we can attack our major items of Expenditure and Income. It may be that our Parish Share was set too high on the last review in 2007; it is for that reason that we have pressed for a 100% totally credible response to this year’s survey of our congregation’s incomes, which will feed into the diocesan review of the amount we pay.

The major item of Income, on which so much else ultimately depends, is Giving.

Richard du Parcq  
PCC Hon Treasurer

## **REPORT ON THE FABRIC**

### **The Church**

The Fabric Committee met on four occasions during the year. In addition, there were a number of smaller meetings to address specific items and the annual inspection of the church. Current members of the Fabric committee are: Fiona Barnett, Phil Bladen, Peter Boyling, Nick Bryant, Rosie Findlater, Colin Haywood, Michael Murison (Chairman), Nick Philips. My thanks to all for the efforts they have put in to preserve the fabric of our church during the past year.

Our major activity this year was to undertake the necessary planning and approvals for the renewal of the heating system in the main church. The 25 year old system is past its



design life and is no longer fit for purpose. With our parish architect, Mark Beedle, and ENGdesign, a specialist firm of heating engineers, we have a design using an unobtrusive trench heating system. The Diocesan Advisory Committee has approved our plans and we are preparing a faculty application to let us proceed when funds are available. The vents either side of the sanctuary will be redundant when the new heating system is installed. Approval and a faculty for their removal will be applied for with the intention that this work is carried out at the same time as the installation of the new heating.

We are looking to replace the carpets in the Melvill Room and the Ellerton Room as both are worn and will soon become a tripping hazard. Competitive quotes are being sought for this work.

The flat roof over the nave is likely to require replacing in the near future. Although still functioning, it is showing signs of deterioration. This is being kept under review.

The east wall of the churchyard is becoming unsafe due to the effect of the nearby sycamore. Permission to remove the sycamore has been granted by Richmond Council once a replacement tree has been established to replace it. An oak tree has been planted some way distant from the wall and we expect to be in a position to remove the sycamore later in 2010. When it has been removed, part of the wall will need to be rebuilt.

We are grateful to Alan Mitchell for undertaking a thorough inspection of the churchyard memorials, some of which require attention to repair deterioration over the years. Some remedial work has been carried out by the Good Companions but more technical work may require the services of professionals.

Minor work has been undertaken to repair the rear door of the church and we have placed paper towel and soap dispensers in the toilets. The pews in the church require periodic minor repairs and we thank Monty Brown for undertaking this work for us.

The annual inspection of the church has identified a few minor items that will be attended to, either by a work party from the congregation or local tradesmen. No items that require immediate attention were found.

Work on many projects has been delayed due to lack of funding. The Fabric Committee is making sure that essential repairs are carried out expeditiously and are keeping a watching brief on less urgent matters.

The quinquennial inspection of the church, conducted by the parish architect, is due in 2010. This will provide a thorough and professional review of the fabric and identify those matters that require immediate attention.

Michael Murison  
Chairman Fabric Committee

### **The Kitson Hall**

Kitson Hall is managed by a committee comprising representatives of the regular users, the bookings manager (Maria Bryant), Chairperson and a PCC representative. I took over as Chairperson from Charlotte Kramer at the start of 2010.

During 2009, the management committee continued the programme of improvements to the Hall in order to maintain the hall and also enhance the facilities for the regular and one-off users.

This year, we have installed new gates around the hall to improve security and have undertaken some re-decoration within the hall. The storage facilities have been improved, providing secure storage for regular users and outdoor storage for the tables, providing more space inside for users.

The establishment of the afternoon nursery has proved very successful, with high attendance rates and has generated additional revenue for the Hall. The nurseries have also received a grant for the renovation of the garden area outside the small hall, which we believe will make the small hall attractive to other users. This work has been completed in March 2010.

The Hall continues to offer a range of activities and classes, for all sections of the community. It also remains a focal point for community and church events and fund raising, notably the Scouts jumble sale, Barnes Charity Players productions and the St Mary's events including the Christmas Fair, Barnes Ball and Harvest Festival supper.

The hire rates were increased slightly at the start of 2009. However, usage has remained high throughout 2009. In light of the economic climate during 2009, it was decided not to raise the fees at the start of 2010.

Chessy Smith  
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, finances and distinct ethos, 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. Rev David Thomas holds a Team post, working with all three churches.

We work together in providing for our young people's activities. Our approach has been that the Pathfinders group and Youth club (called FOOD) are run on a team basis. We had sought to fund a part time Youth Worker who would run Pathfinders and the Youth Club under the supervision of Rev Jean Boulton-Reynolds but we were unable to identify a suitable person; and regrettably both groups are currently in abeyance. The work of each church with younger children is supported through regular meetings of their leaders who share experiences and work together in running the annual Team Children's Festival.

The Team owns and manages 52 Boileau Rd as a curate's house. Since the Ayok-Loewenbergs moved to Kidderminster in autumn 2009 we have been able to rent it out and the income should more than meet the Team's expenditure in 2010. A summary of the accounts for 2009 and the 2010 budget, agreed by the Team Council, are attached.

The Team began in 1997 and we are due an independent review of its structure, mission and community involvement to help us decide the direction of our future activity. Commissioning of a review will be a decision for when our new Rector is in post.

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 Mocatta for their membership of the Council on behalf of St Mary's, and to Joanna Bennison who is Treasurer of the Council.

Peter Boyling

### Team Council Summary of Accounts 2009 and Budget 2010

		Budget		Actuals		Notes
		2010	2009	2010	2009	
		£	£			
<b>INCOME</b>						
<b>Annual Contribution</b>						
	Holy Trinity	50				
	St Mary's	50				
	St Michael's	<u>50</u>				
				150	10 000	<b>1</b>
<b>Boileau Road</b>						
			(12 months at £1,550 less 13% agent commission)			
	Net Rent (Jan-Dec)	16	182	16	182 4 508	<b>2</b>
<b>Total Income</b>				<u><b>16 332</b></u>	<u><b>14 508</b></u>	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
<b>Youth work</b>						
	Jean's supervision	4	968	4	968 2 760	<b>3</b>
<b>Youth work assistant</b>					0 2 100	<b>4</b>
<b>Assistant Priest - Joseph Ayok-Loewenberg</b>					0 674	
<b>Curate - David Thomas</b>						
	Expenses	1	500 (12 months at £125)	1	500 751	
<b>Boileau Road</b>						
	Boiler maintenance	2	000			
	Roof maintenance	1	000			
	Vacant provision	1	349 Assume 1 month vacant			
	Other	1	000			
	Insurance	<u>400</u>				
				5 749	7 814	<b>2</b>
<b>Pathfinders Leader</b>					0 60	
<b>Other</b>					22	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>				<u><b>12 217</b></u>	<u><b>14 181</b></u>	
<b>OVERALL INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>				<u><b>4 116</b></u>	<u><b>327</b></u>	

## **Notes to the Barnes Team Ministry Accounts 2009 and Budget 2010**

### **Note 1 Income from Churches**

A minimal level in 2010 due to the rental income from Boileau Road.

### **Note 2 Boileau Road**

The 2009 budget assumed rent for 2 months (November and December 2009) Tenanted from mid September 2009, increasing the rental income in 2009. Renovation costs in 2009 higher than budgeted, due to new carpets and cooker. The costs for 2010 are for items that may need maintenance, primarily heating. A provision has been made for the property to be vacant for one month.

### **Note 3 Youth Work**

Team bear the full cost of Team Youth/ Children's co-ordinator role in 2010. This is primarily due to the rental income received from Boileau Road in 2010. Historically the Team have taken approximately 50% of the cost. This should be reviewed annually.

### **Note 4 Youth work assistant**

This post will not be filled until after the appointment of the new Team rector. Therefore no cost is included for the year.

## **RICHMOND AND BARNES DEANERY SYNOD**

The deanery synod is part of the Church of England management system, providing a local forum for sharing issues about mission as well as a means to raise our concerns with the diocese and ultimately with the General Synod.

The quarterly meetings of representatives of the 15 churches in our deanery synod cover a range of subjects of importance to the church. In the last 12 months the members discussed support of older people with a representative of Richmond Community Support Service Consortium, which provides befriending services. Our FiSH service was praised as a having a well established programme and the Consortium draws heavily on their experience.

There was also a debate about the moral and ethical arguments used to justify assisted suicide, and whether there was an agreed Christian approach on the subject. And Ross Collins made a presentation about our area's links with the diocese of Matabeleland in Zimbabwe. He praised the people of Matabeleland for rallying in the difficult circumstances both of lack of funds and also the bar on access to their churches by clergy with close links to the Mugabe regime. Our area are meeting the cost of paying the diocesan staff and are supporting their administration; and we are looking to help restart the theological college, fund boreholes, and develop microfinance projects. He concluded that Matabeleland is a place where faith means more than it does for us. We

don't risk being beaten up, ostracized or persecuted for our faith. He found their faith inspiring and wonderful to be a part of.

### **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BARNES**

The CTiB Executive is a team of people from the six churches: Baptists, Methodists, St Michael's, Holy Trinity, St Osmond's and St. Mary's. Graham Pulham from the Baptist Church has been a very efficient co-ordinator and he will be stepping down from this role later this year.

The most memorable event in CTiB's year was the annual Covenant Service, held at Holy Trinity on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2010. In Jean Boulton-Reynolds' absence, the service was taken by Mike Tungay, who many of us met for the first time. It was a joyful service and reminded us all of the pleasure of being with the other churches.

There was a talk in November at the Annual Forum by Andy Keen Downs, Director of the Prison Advice and Care Trust (PACT) about his work and the need for volunteers helping people leave prison and adapting themselves back into the community. It was an inspired talk and again strengthened the bond of feeling between the churches.

Barnes in Common is the magazine of the six churches and now comes out quarterly. Theresa Munford has been an excellent and efficient chairman and is stepping down. The editors will miss her and she has chaired the meetings with tact and diplomacy. We are also looking for a replacement editor for St Mary's. Being editor is a challenging and enjoyable job and one in which you could discover gifts you didn't know you possessed.

Rosie Findlater  
Member of Executive of CTiB

### **ST MARY'S SIDESMEN**

We have welcomed as new sidesmen during the year: Joan Wheeler-Bennett, Neville Otty, Hamish Henderson, Amanda and Jonathan Iremonger, Richard McGee. And we thank those who are standing down from the job, some after very long and distinguished service: Jonathon Wilson, Alan Mitchell, Celia Cleave and Alastair Mackie.

The current team is David Barrie, David Blacklock, Claire Boyling, Elizabeth Casson, Brian Cleave, Tony Dundas, Sue Dundas, Wiz Dundas, Patrick Findlater, Ken George, Tiziana George, Charles Goldsmith, David Greenwood, Hamish Henderson, David Heyhoe, Ken Hitchcock, Amanda Iremonger, Jonathan Iremonger, Wendy Kyrle-Pope, Desmond MacDermott, Josephine MacDermott, Nigel Makepeace, Richard McGee, Neville Otty, Nick Phillips, Ferelith Reay, Peter Siddall, Fiona Smith, Andrew Summers, Joan Wheeler-Bennett, Marjorie Wing.

If you would like to join them, contact Tiziana George, head sidesman, on email: [tiziana@ivysoqt.co.uk](mailto:tiziana@ivysoqt.co.uk).

The Barnes Team Ministry  
The Parish Church of St Mary, Barnes  
THE ANNUAL MEETINGS

Minutes of the Meetings held in the Church on Wednesday, 29 April 2009 at 8 pm

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Present: The Rector (the Rev'd Ross Collins) in the chair, the churchwardens and 39 members of the parish.

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 Peter Boyling and seconded by Tony Dundas;

Rosie Findlater, proposed by Celia Cleave and seconded by Fiona Smith.

There being no other nominations, these two people were elected churchwardens for the coming year. The Rector thanked Peter Boyling and Fiona Barnett warmly for their work as wardens over the last year.

B THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 April 2008

The minutes had been displayed on the porch notice board for the past year and also reproduced in the 2009 Annual Report. The meeting unanimously approved them as a true record on a proposal of Michael Murison, seconded by Juliet Hogan.

2. Church Electoral Roll

Anna McGowan reported on behalf of Rachel Atwell, the Electoral Roll Officer. There were 337 people on the roll. This was a net increase of 9 on the 2008 Roll. Of the 337, 216 were resident within St Mary's boundary. Of those non resident within the parish, 54 were resident within the boundaries of the other two churches of the Team Ministry (an increase of 4) and 67 outside, an increase of 5.

3. Elections

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

The following nominations had been received:

Peter Boyling, proposed by Fiona Smith and seconded by Celia Cleave

Juliet Hogan, proposed by Richard du Parcq and seconded by Phil Bladen

Nick Bryant, proposed by Phil Bladen and seconded by Tim Budgen

Rose Robertson, proposed by Patty Darke and seconded by Claire Boyling

These persons were elected unanimously.

The Rector welcomed Anna McGowan as the new PCC Secretary in succession to Marilyn Walker.

(b) Election of Sidesmen for 2009-2010

The Rector thanked Tony Dundas warmly for his service as he stepped down after five years as Chief Sidesman, and welcomed Tiziana George who had volunteered to succeed him. He proposed the following be elected as sidesmen for the coming year: David Barrie, David Blacklock, Claire Boyling, Elizabeth Casson, Brian and Celia Cleave, Tony Dundas, Patrick Findlater, Ken and Tiziana George, Charles Goldsmith, David Greenwood, David Heyhoe, Ken Hitchcock, Wendy Kyrle-Pope, Desmond and Josephine MacDermott, Alistair Mackie, Nigel Makepeace, Alan Mitchell, Nick Phillips,

Ferelith Reay, Peter Siddall, Fiona Smith, Andrew Summers, Joan Wheeler-Bennett, Emma Wilson and Marjorie Wing.

On a proposal of Iain Radford, seconded by Margaret Collenette, election of these persons was approved unanimously.

4. Report on proceedings of the PCC

The Rector noted the written report of the PCC for the year. There were no comments from the meeting. He thanked Peter Boyling for his chairing of the meetings of the PCC at his request.

5. Report on the annual accounts

Richard du Parcq, PCC Hon Treasurer, reported. He noted that cash turnover had risen substantially over recent years. Expenditure had risen from under £250,000 five years ago to £401,000 in 2008, and if it rose to £500,000 we would again be required to undergo full audits of our accounts. Expenditure on installing our new heating system could bring this about. It was a common misconception that St Mary's was comfortably off, but our current assets were less than six months' expenditure, and this was uncomfortably little. He summarised the position on the reserves listed in the annual accounts. Our net current cash assets had declined by over £30,000 in 2008; in particular the last of the capital money left over from the sale of 10 Brookwood Avenue had been spent on two major projects, the Garden of Remembrance and the new heating system.

We were relying on support from the Friends, the Kitson Hall surplus and events, to meet our commitment of £166,000 to the diocese, and this cost would rise by £30,000 in the coming year. There was a lot of work still to do to raise the funds we needed through the 2010 appeal; we needed a number of new gift aided standing orders, but these had not so far been achieved. While there was much to celebrate in our church life he was pessimistic about our ability at present to balance our budget.

In comments from the floor the following points were made:

- a) Kitson Hall's financial reserve seemed modest taking account of its potential spending commitments. The Treasurer confirmed that this was so; the PCC General Fund now depends on a much larger contribution from the Kitson Hall surplus; the Kitson Hall has significantly increased its revenue, but at the cost of a major and continuing programme of improvement works; and this circle had been squared by drawing on nearly half of the Kitson Hall Reserve. The Rector said that this concern would be reported to the PCC;
- b) the PCC should address the current position on regular giving by the congregation;. The Rector agreed, noting that we had tried a number of approaches. He added that other large churches like ours with many new members were facing financial problems greater than ours;
- c) the lack of new financial giving was disappointing. The Rector agreed and said that suggestions would be welcome;
- d) one off donations, such as legacies, were also being used to meet running costs;
- e) was there scope for cutting running costs? The Treasurer suggested that these were limited, without ceasing to employ key staff. Turning down the heating would make minor savings. The Rector noted that we were now spending £73,000 a year to run the church and the equivalent figure 17 years ago in 1992 was £75,000, so we had restricted our expenditure considerably;
- f) the format we were required to use for the accounts made it difficult for an accountant present at the meeting to understand the situation. The Treasurer agreed that the division between "general", "other designated", "restricted" and "endowment" funds, with only a single aggregate comparison column for the previous year, was unhelpful. He would attempt a more informative presentation

for 2009. For 2008 the individual fund reports, on the following pages, go some way to explain exceptional 2008 expenditure, notably on the churchyard works.

g) if it were easier to raise funds through events should we do more events? The Treasurer noted that it was our policy to make more funds from events wherever possible, but the sums required seemed out of reach through that route.

The Treasurer was congratulated for a very clear presentation and an extremely good job over the year.

Andrew Summers proposed the adoption of the accounts subject to independent examination, seconded by Joan Wheeler-Bennett, and this proposal was carried unanimously. The Treasurer undertook to ensure that the accounts were duly displayed publicly.

6. Appointment of an Independent Examiner for 2009 accounts

On a proposal of Iain Radford, seconded by Claire Boyling, the meeting approved unanimously the appointment of Alastair Cameron to examine the 2009 accounts.

7. Report on the fabric of the church

The Rector drew attention to the written report. A major issue, replacement of the heating system, would be considered later in the meeting. Another major project, expansion of the Garden of Remembrance, had been completed. He thanked Nick Phillips, who was standing down from the chair of the fabric committee, for an exceptionally good job on behalf of the church in various roles for over 25 years. He was delighted to welcome Michael Murison as the new chair of the fabric committee.

8. Reports on the Deanery Synod and on Churches Together in Barnes

The written reports were noted by the meeting.

9. Rector's review of the year

In his review, printed at the end of this report, the Rector reported on his sabbatical, and in particular the hope for the future he found in churches abroad. He suggested that opportunities arose from a flexibility they enjoyed; there was less flexibility in our own diocese. Nevertheless our community at St Mary's enjoyed a fundamental health. Our strong support of the Under Tree Schools charity had culminated in his visit to share in the opening of the new girls' school. This had been a very special time. Both the local people and the state authorities had made clear how important the project was in an area where educational opportunities were so limited. A little girl's announcement of her ambition to be a doctor had been a very moving incident. He closed by thanking those who had shared the responsibilities in St Mary's in his absence.

Peter Boyling thanked the Rector for his leadership, care and commitment for our church over the last year, and welcomed him back to parish life.

10. Consultation on the proposed new heating system for the church

Peter Boyling outlined the proposals drawn up by the fabric committee with our architect. A new system was proposed for the nave, as the hot air blowers were beyond their design life. Problems with the current system included the rapid rise and fall in temperature which damaged the fabric and put the organ out of tune, as well as the noise it was now making. The new system would follow diocesan advice to raise



the temperature slowly and maintain it steady. Hot water radiators would be sunk in trenches below the floor, covered by grids. Three existing trenches would be used, ie those along the north wall and that across the Langton chapel; and some new trenches would be needed. Two would run down the side aisles of the nave and one across the opening of the tower. Costings were not yet clear but we envisaged a cost of the order of £100,000. It could take about 12 weeks to complete the work. A lot of dust would be raised and we would need to use Kitson Hall and not the church for this period. We were envisaging closure of the church over the first part of 2010.

In response to questions he noted that the boiler to heat the water would be behind the north wall; and the new system would be silent. It was suggested that we could do something interesting in place of the wooden structures currently housing the vents of the hot air into the nave, and it was agreed that this be looked at. It was also noted that perhaps half of the cost could be funded by the Friends of St Mary's.

No problems were raised in questions, but the Rector noted that when final plans were available there would be scope for another meeting if the congregation wanted one.

11. Any Other Business

None.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Agreed as 28 April 2010. The Rector thanked the team who had done a superb job in providing refreshments and information about church activities.

**Annex**

**RECTOR'S ADDRESS**

Having spent the first part of this year enjoying the fortunate privilege of a sabbatical (albeit the first one I have taken in 17 years of ministry) and coming back on duty, I find myself a little less informed on what has been happening at St Mary's and in Barnes than normal. However, a period away does give a chance for reflecting on one's day-to-day life from a different perspective and that has been true for me over the past three months.

My time has been spent on various foreign trips or preparing for them and each has given me an insight into the nature of the Anglican Communion across the world and its reality that is not often reflected in the media stories about possible schisms over issues such as homosexuality. Indeed, if anything, each place I have visited, especially Africa, while aware of the global battles, has a long list of priorities far ahead of human sexuality and despairs of the naked politicking we hear so much about.

One thing that I kept seeing and hearing was the great possibilities that exist for different Anglican churches and the Communion as a whole. In Zimbabwe, this emerged from a clear sense of hope in the future. I visited the Diocese of Matabeleland for the consecration of its new bishop, Cleophas Lunga, and was impressed at the plans they have for the future. The new economic circumstances have given them the chance to plan for expansion, training and deploying more clergy. I spent some time in Spain where the two local Anglican chaplaincies are expanding rapidly (with the close involvement of two former St Mary's parishioners, Martin and Angela Tomlins), doubling in size and in places of worship in three years. In Southern Sudan, where a small group of us were able to see the school we have been instrumental in helping be built, the engagement with the local community and government that is developing through the project is quite remarkable. Even in Davos, in the slightly different context of the World Economic Forum, there was considerable openness both in what the Church has to say on our current financial crisis and on the possibilities of working with the Church on the ground through initiatives such as microfinance projects.

A key common feature about these was that opportunities exist where there is flexibility. In Zimbabwe, because the end of inflation has enabled normal budgeting to be resumed and money to be accessed. In Spain, because the Church uses other church buildings and can go quickly to wherever there is need. And that brings me back to Barnes. Although this church is by far the most wealthy church I have engaged with this year, as part of the Diocese of Southwark, it has the least flexibility and the least positive options for the future. The Diocese has long held on to a policy of retaining 330 stipendiary clergy (and in almost the same places as was the case 10 years ago) and the parish share has kept on going up to ensure this happens. One result of this is that a number of the most prosperous and flourishing churches have been digging deep into their reserves to cover the increases – and this at the top of an almost unprecedented financial boom. There is no fat left to cover us now that the good times have gone. The other result is that, at a diocesan level, there is no room for meeting new needs and supporting new opportunities. At our local level, our parish share having more than doubled in my time here, we have to raise an extra £110,000 just to stand still, with no spare funds to support our own opportunities (such as, resourcing our children's and youth work properly). The Diocese is now realizing the precariousness of the position but it is uncertain whether they can deal with the issues at this stage in a way that does not cause significant disruption. For ourselves here, we will continue to see if we can expand our fund-raising activities, be they through stewardship and Barnsey, substantially growing our revenue from the revitalized Kitson Hall, the Ball, amongst other things. There is also the small matter of our heating system which is overdue for replacement. The design of the new church 25 years ago inevitably involved compromises because of the funds available, but we are working on installing a system which will have a long lifespan.

The financial context of our church life raises challenges and it can be easy to forget all that has been achieved over the years and the fundamental health of St Mary's as a Christian community. Congregations remain strong, the family service in particular thriving and gaining from broader leadership both from Emma Powell and Geoffrey Barnett as well as the triumvirate which now looks after what I rather cheekily call 'front-of-house'. Music goes from strength to strength under another exceptional musician (I was very sorry to miss the Buxtehude Palm Sunday service) and we have been fortunate to have been given the new mass setting by Howard Goodall (and you seem to be rising to the challenge of singing it very well). Pastorally, we have gained from the arrival of David Thomas as a curate. Organisationally, the office has been well-staffed by Rachel Attwell while awaiting a permanent appointment and it is good to welcome Anna McGowan here tonight. The new Garden of Remembrance looks wonderful and will be an important element of our ministry for a long time to come.

I'm also very grateful to those who took the brunt of the responsibility during my absence. Raymond is always the most supportive and loyal colleague you could ever hope to have and he has been joined in the leading of more services by Richard. It is a very rare privilege to be served in such a generous way by the bishop who ordained you. Peter and Fiona have been marvellous as always and my particular thanks must go to Peter for undertaking a short second stint as churchwarden. He has done a huge amount of work with his traditional efficiency, competence and calmness. With Rosie taking over, we can release Peter to the more important joy of being a grandfather. And, of course, to thank all of you for your continued support over the past year.

## **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 quite often for the 11.30 am Family Service as well as 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. New ringers are always welcome.

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](http://www.stmarybarnes.org) under 'Groups'

Contacts: Andrew Howard-Smith (Captain) - 020 8876 1403  
 Jill Wigney (Secretary) - 020 8740 9879  
 Email: [bells@stmarybarnes.org](mailto:bells@stmarybarnes.org)

### **BOOK GROUP**

St Mary's Book Group meets about 4 times a year to discuss a book which either the group or group discussion leader has chosen. Recent discussion leaders have included Ros Wynne-Jones, journalist and campaigner, who led a discussion on her novel set in Southern Sudan.

We welcome new members from the congregation or from the local community and suggestions for a good read! We have no membership criteria apart from a willingness to read the chosen book.

Contact: Celia Cleave 8876 0254 or [celia@cleave3.orangehome.co.uk](mailto:celia@cleave3.orangehome.co.uk)

### **CHILDREN'S WORK**

The Children's Support Group are a small group who have met regularly with the Children's Pastor and the Rector to plan and support the children's work of St. Mary's. This has included Junior Church: Sparklers, for 3-6 year olds, and Discoverers, for 7-11 year olds at 10am on Sundays (who then join the end of the Parish Communion); and other individual events throughout the year including the annual Team Children's Festival in the summer, and the production of a Children's Nativity performance at Christmas.

There has been a fall in numbers of children attending Junior Church and it is a priority for the church to relaunch the activities. We are currently looking for additional helpers to join us in order that we can plan for the future.

If you would like to know more or to get involved, please contact Anne Sullivan, [anne.sullivan@virgin.net](mailto:anne.sullivan@virgin.net), tel 0208 748 5260 or 07710 020565.

MiniMarys is a new group for mums and carers, with newborns, toddlers and pre-school children. It meets on Thursday afternoons in the Ellerton Room for an hour.

### **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 framework for the church.

Brenda Moore  
 020 8748 8214  
[brendaweedenmoore@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:brendaweedenmoore@yahoo.co.uk)

### **COFFEE SHOP ON SATURDAYS**

The Coffee Shop has revived somewhat over the past year and it has been great to have some younger folk along. Sally Copland's puppy Bracken has been the star of the Coffee Shop since she came to Barnes in October (putting Budge, the Dachshund's nose somewhat out of joint!). There is always much laughter and chat and a general feeling that it is a good place to go and catch up with people as well as eating the delicious home made cakes.

Contact: Rosie Findlater Telephone 020 8876 5338  
Email: [rosemary@pfindlater.plus.com](mailto: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. I am so glad to have welcomed several new volunteers during the last year. I shall continue to welcome anyone who would like to give an hour as people's availability changes and some may want to retire!

Fiona Barnett  
Email: [fiona.barnett2@btinternet.com](mailto: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 from 10.15am-12.30pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (but not the first Friday of the month) and lunchtime at St Michael, Barnes Community Centre 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](mailto: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@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.adams@btinternet.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](mailto: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.

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SW13 9ND  
020 8748 8090  
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2 Suffolk Road,  
Barnes,  
SW13 9PH  
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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. Our membership now totals approximately 60. We normally meet for lunch once a month, usually at our houses but occasionally at the Bull's Head. In addition we organise a wide variety of activities and our wives participate in most of these. The group had its first meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2000. On 7<sup>th</sup> March this year we had a celebratory supper party in Kitson Hall to celebrate our Tenth Anniversary with entertainment provided by Cameo Opera and this was attended by just over 100.

In 2008 we completed our walk of the Thames Path and in 2009 we started on our walk of the Ridgeway and we are now approximately half way through this, having walked 42 miles. All our walks and the associated lunch venues have been most efficiently organised by Brian and Janice Turk. In addition to our lunches and walks, we have over the last year had trips to Richmond Theatre, the Henry vii & Henry viii Exhibition at the Museum of Richmond, the Local Studies Centre in Richmond and John Smith led a group of us around the Byzantium Exhibition at the Royal Academy. In August Nick and Katherine Phillips led a group of us on a tour of the centre of Oxford followed by tea at their house.

During the year we adopted Combat Stress as the charity we wish to support. Donations from our members have raised £570 and a further £280 was raised from a Saturday Morning Coffee Shop, making a total of £850.

Co-ordinator Tim Budgen  
Telephone 0208 748 3413  
e-mail – [t.j.budgen@btinternet.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 four 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.

Jo Carr Tel: 0208 748 7330  
Email: [jo.carr@77pr.co.uk](mailto:jo.carr@77pr.co.uk)

### **MISSION GROUP**

The Group's role is to raise awareness among the people of St Mary's of the priority of mission, with particular regard to our main mission projects, the Under Tree Schools project in Southern Sudan, the Castelnau Centre Project in North Barnes, Home-Start in Richmond & Welcare in Richmond.

We aim to offer support to the causes in any way possible, especially by encouraging volunteers from St Mary's to offer their help. We also give guidance to the PCC on the allocation of funds for its away giving.

Nick Bryant – Chairman  
Telephone 020 8876 1214  
e-mail [nsbryant@hotmail.com](mailto:nsbryant@hotmail.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](mailto: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](mailto:fiona.barnett2@btinternet.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).

Contact details:

Pieter van de Wiel - Group Scout Leader - [gsl@smbscouts.org.uk](mailto:gsl@smbscouts.org.uk) Tel: 020 8942 3662

Mike Dixon – Chair - [chair@smbscouts.org.uk](mailto:chair@smbscouts.org.uk) Tel: 020 8741 7772

[www.smbscouts.org.uk](http://www.smbscouts.org.uk)

### **SCRAPBOOK**

The St. Mary's Scrapbook is an informal and we hope long-lasting record of the Church and the various activities which go to make up the daily life of its community. My thanks to all who have provided photos and other items during the past year. While it is always a pleasure to receive material from the regular contributors, I regret that so many of the church groups remain unrepresented within its pages. Group leaders are reminded that the occasional photo or news of the current activities of your group would be most welcome. Send by email to [mandmbarnes@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:mandmbarnes@blueyonder.co.uk) or leave in the church office addressed to me,

Maisie Brown

### **SEWING CLUB**

The Sewing Club afternoon (Mondays 2.30 to 4 pm in the Kitson Room, above the church office) has turned into a warm and relaxed time, much enjoyed by those who attend (though it has sometimes been warmer in emotional terms than temperature, owing to the temperamental heating system). Occasionally we have been brought in work, some of which Irene has completed beautifully as she is the master stitcher of the group. She has stitched names onto Christmas Stockings, repaired damaged/torn kneelers, repaired a Victorian christening gown; and I believe a hot water bottle cover is about to be produced for copies to be made for the Christmas Fair!

Rosie Findlater

### **THINK TANK**

The Think Tank works to broaden the sense of community and belonging among members of St Mary's. In 2009 we addressed such diverse issues as Stewardship, volunteering, an annual Calendar of Events for all ages and interests and how to support people who volunteer. Much of our work focusses on effective communication within the congregation and with the wider community.

Current committee members are: Rosie Findlater, Elena Fletcher, Charlie Grainger, Trisha Hawkins, Juliet Hogan, Michael Murison and Peter Siddall. We welcome the involvement of anyone interested in building our sense of community at St Mary's.

email [thinktank@stmarybarnes.org](mailto:thinktank@stmarybarnes.org) or Juliet Hogan tel. 0208 748 0757.



**SERVICES**

SUNDAYS

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| 8.00 am  | Holy Communion   |
| 10.00 am | Parish Communion<br>(with separate activities for children)                              |
| 11.30 am | Family Service   |
| 6.00 pm  | Evensong (Choral or Said)<br>(3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday – Service of Wholeness and Healing) |

DAILY PRAYERS

Monday – Friday 9.05 am in the Langton Chapel

MIDWEEK

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

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

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St Mary's Church is part of the Barnes Team Ministry, together with

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Vicar: The Rev'd Jean Boulton-Reynolds 8748 5744

St Michael's Church, Elm Bank Gardens  
Vicar: The Rev'd Paul Holland, 8876 5230