

Barnes Team Ministry The Parish Church of St Mary Barnes

Minutes of the Awayday meeting of the Parochial Church Council held on Saturday 27 September 2014 at the Kairos Centre, Roehampton.

Present: Rector, Phil Bladen, Sue Boyd, Peter Boyling, Patty Darke, Christabel Gairdner, William Heller, Chris Hine, Ann Lynes, Michael Murison, Emma Powell, Matthew Purser, Annie Sullivan, Paul Teverson, Francesca Wisdom.

Apologies from Alison Collins, Patrick Findlater, Judy Gowing, Ted Muxworthy, Tom Ridley

The day began at 9.30am with a Eucharist.

MINUTES

1. The minutes of the last meeting on 8 July were signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

2. A short note inviting people needing or offering lifts to church would shortly be put in the pewsheets for some weeks.

Now that chairs were being turned for coffee after the 10am service we should encourage people to stay for coffee and use them.

Richard had had good feedback about our welcoming to services and we should continue our efforts.

We should publicise that we had some large print hymn books. The PCC endorsed the decision of the standing committee that we should not invite people to ask for a book to be inscribed in memory of someone, for a donation. We should not be appearing to be asking for money when the cost of the books had already been covered by a donation.

Richard noted that the possibility of sharing a youth worker with a local church had again arisen, and he was following it up. He was also pursuing an enquiry with someone interested in the post.

FINANCES

3. The Council noted the papers by Patrick setting out the church's financial situation. Richard said that a small group had been set up to prepare advice for the PCC on the way forward.

800TH ANNIVERSARY

4. Richard circulated a draft timetable of events. The Bishop of Southwark would preach at St Mary's at Candlemas, the launch date for the year. Starting on 20 May there would be a festival of flowers and tapestries. The performances of Jesus Christ Superstar by the Barnes Community Players would start on 8 June. A three day pilgrimage walk from Runnymede to Barnes would start on 13 June, and join the anniversary service, to be attended by Archbishop Rowan Williams on 15 June.

5. Sue said that she understood that Archbishop Stephen Langton had consecrated a number of churches on his journey – by river - back to London. She would look into which other churches were also celebrating, in case a link could be made. She suggested that a hire boat trip might be organised to visit them.

6. Michael reported that the diocese had strong views on the type of memorial window they could approve. They had said that we should reject the proposal from Eric Cooper and go instead for grisaille. On their advice he had told Eric that we would not be pursuing a commission with him; and he would instead be approaching a craftsman suggested by the diocese, for a design and a costing. There would then be full consultation with the fabric committee, PCC and congregation.

7. Richard said that NADFAS had written a guide for children to St Mary's, to be launched in November this year.

HOSPITALITY

8. Emma undertook to become St Mary's lead hospitality events coordinator and was warmly thanked by the churchwardens.

COOPTION

9. On a proposal of Patty, seconded by Michael, the PCC unanimously coopted Patrick to the Council.

CHARITY ALLOCATIONS

10. The PCC approved the recommendations of the Faith in Action group for the disbursement of the £6090 raised for charitable giving through the Christmas Fair 2013. After paying the amount sought for Richmond Welcare, the remainder would be shared equally between Barnes Green Centre/Age UK, FiSH and the diocesan Matabeleland link.

STEWARDSHIP

11. The remainder of the day was spent considering a strategy for encouraging generosity in giving. The sessions were facilitated by Jackie Pontin, the Diocesan Stewardship Adviser.

The meeting closed at 3pm.

Dates of future PCC meetings: 21 October, 18 November