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

THE ANNUAL MEETINGS

Minutes of the meetings held in the Church on Wednesday, 25 April 2013 at 8 pm

Present: Revd Richard Sewell, (Team Rector in the chair), Rosie Findlater and Paul Teverson, (churchwardens) and 31 members of the parish.

The meeting was opened with a prayer.

A. The Annual Meeting of Parishioners

The Rector announced the following nominations for churchwardens:

- Rosie Findlater, proposed by Sylvia Howell and seconded by Fiona Barnett
- Paul Teverson, proposed by Peter Boyling and seconded by Geoffrey Barnett.

Rosie and Paul were duly re-elected to serve as churchwardens for the coming year. The Rector expressed his huge thanks for their encouragement, advice and help.

B. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. The minutes of the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting in 2012 had been displayed on the church website for the past year and on the porch notice board. They were also reproduced in the papers for the Annual Meetings. The meeting unanimously approved them as a true record on a proposal of Iain Radford, seconded by Claire Boyling.

2. Report on the Church Electoral Roll. On behalf of the Electoral Roll Officer, the PCC secretary reported that the current number of the electoral roll was 210. This is a significant drop since last year because the Electoral Roll has to be renewed this year, and it is possible that a number of people have not yet completed their form.

3. Elections

a) The election to the Parochial Church Council of five representatives to serve for three years.

Four nominations had been received:

- Chris Hine, proposed by Patrick Findlater and seconded by Fiona Barnett;
- Francesca Wisdom, proposed by Fiona Barnett and seconded by Paul Teverson;
- Emma Powell, proposed by Fiona Barnett and seconded by Philip Bladen;
- Matthew Purser, proposed by Judy Gowing and seconded by Philip Bladen.

These people were unanimously elected to serve on the PCC for coming three years.

b) The election of sidesmen and women for 2013/14

The Rector proposed that the following be elected as sidesmen and women for the coming year: Shelagh Mitchell, David Barrie, Wiz Dundas, Rachel Elkington, Desmond MacDermott, Josephine MacDermott, Marjorie Wing, David Blacklock, Claire Boyling, Brian Cleave, Tony Dundas, Sue Dundas, Anthony Figgis, Patrick Findlater, Ken George, Tiziana George (Head Sideswoman), David Heyhoe, Ken Hitchcock, Amanda Iremonger, Jonathan Iremonger, Sarah Kearney, Wendy Kyrle-Pope, Neville Otty, Peter Siddall, Fiona Smith, Andrew Summers, Joan Wheeler-Bennett. The Rector announced that Nina Grey would join the rota from June 2013.

The election of these sidesmen and women was approved. The Rector thanked them all for performing a very important role, being welcoming and informative without being overwhelming. He also emphasized that it was the role of the whole congregation to be welcoming.

c) The election to the Parochial Church Council of two representatives to serve for one year to fill casual vacancies.

There were no nominations.

4. Report on proceedings of the PCC and other reports.

The Rector referred to the reports printed in the Annual Review. The meeting received the reports. The Rector commended Cheryl for her work on the design and production of the booklet.

It was pointed out that there was no mention in the Sunday Club Report of the intergenerational project undertaken when the youngsters interviewed the older members of the congregations, which has now been compiled into a book. The project was enjoyed enormously by all who took part and built new relationships.

5. Report on the annual accounts

Patrick Findlater, PCC Hon Treasurer, referred to his written report. The PCC's finances remain satisfactory. The Rector thanked Patrick for all he does with such efficiency. The meeting received the report.

There were two questions about the Boileau Road house:

- to ask when the last valuation was undertaken. The Treasurer said as we cannot sell the property there was little point in incurring the expense of a valuation. It is owned by the three churches: St Mary's: 70%, Holy Trinity: 29%, St Michaels: 1%.
- To ask where the new curate, Ann Lynes, would live. The Rector confirmed that she would live in Boileau Road, which is now empty and in good condition, thanks to previous tenants.

6. Appointment of an independent examiner of the accounts for 2013

The meeting approved the appointment of Alastair Cameron to examine the 2013 accounts, on a proposal of Tim Budgen, seconded by Margaret Barrie. Thanks were extended to Alastair for his work.

7. Report on the fabric of the church, and of the church hall

The Rector referred to the report printed in the Annual Review and thanked Michael Murison and his team for undertaking a considerable amount of work on the fabric of the church during the year. The Friends of St Mary's were thanked for their help funding the fabric projects. The meeting received the reports.

8. Report on the Team Council

The Rector reported that a review of the working of Team Ministries was to be undertaken soon, led by Canon Stephen Hance. The meeting received the report.

9. Rector's report; (attached)

Arising questions:

- It was asked if the Youth Worker would be a team appointment. The Rector replied that the Youth Worker would only work at St Mary's. The other two churches have their own arrangements for youth work.
- Had volunteers been found for the Youth Worker post? The position had not yet advertised.
- Would the curate have a special remit for youth work? Although she would of course be involved with the children, her role would not specifically youth-oriented.
- Was a potential model for the Youth Worker to collaborate with other organisations in Barnes to have a cross-organisational commitment? The Rector replied that the Youth Worker's main focus would be to work in a Christian context first and foremost but would be connecting with local schools and the Castlenau Centre.

10. How we plan to celebrate the 800th anniversary in 2015.

The Rector distributed a list of all the projects which are being planned to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the consecration of the newly extended church in 1215

1. Main service of celebration

We have written to Lambeth Palace inviting Archbishop Justin to our Anniversary service on June 15 but asking if that is not possible for available dates as near to as possible.

2. Pilgrimage from Runnymede to Barnes

Possibly a walking pilgrimage and swimming up the Thames.

3. BBC Songs of Praise
We have submitted a proposal to the BBC for a Magna Carta special in St. Mary's Barnes
4. History of St. Mary's
Updating the existing Guide Book to bring it up to date
5. Passion Play
A new play to be commissioned to be staged outdoors on Barnes Common in Holy Week 2015 in conjunction with the Barnes Charity Players.
6. A short play telling the story of Archbishop Langton, Magna Carta and St. Mary's
7. A Music Festival on a 1215 theme
8. Altar Cloth, chasuble etc. dedicated to St. Mary
In partnership with Fine Cell Work who use prisoners to produce high quality work. The new set would be used on our Patronal Festival and other special occasions.
9. A Glass Door connecting the Melvill Room with church
It will provide a visual connection between the Melvill Room and the church
10. Bellringers
Various special events will be planned.
11. NADFAS Church Trail
Will offer a way to guide children around the church to learn about the key features of our church.
12. Other issues:
Barnes Fair 2015: Medieval theme for the Fair.
Lent Lectures will be themed around Church in the Public Square/Politics/Human Rights
Finance: St. Mary's Youth Work will be the fundraising focus for the anniversary.
Barnes Charity Ball will have a medieval theme

These events and initiatives are being monitored by the 800 Anniversary Working Group: Richard Sewell, Rosie Findlater, Andrew Summers, Michael Murison, Sue Adams, Eleanor Oldroyd

It was suggested that we should contact the owners of the two beautiful neighbouring gardens to see whether we could hold a garden party.

Appreciation was expressed for all the work already done and an eager anticipation of hearing more.

11. There was no other business

12. Date of next annual meeting

As Easter is so late next year, the date of the next meeting will be announced after further consideration.

The Rector thanked Patty Darke and all those who had brought refreshments for the evening.

The meeting closed with the Grace.

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