



A meeting of the Parochial Church Council took place on Tuesday 10 July at The Rectory (by kind permission of Richard and JulieAnn) at 8pm

## MINUTES

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| 1. | The Rector opened the meeting with a reflection on the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem.  |  |
| 2. | Present: The Rector, Peter Boyling, Phil Bladen, Fouki Heller, Tom Ridley, Geoffrey Barnett, Jo Fraser, Rachel Skilbeck, Sue Mackworth-Praed, William Heller, Cathy Putz, Paul Teverson, Michael Murison, Judy Gowing.<br>Apologies were received from Annie Sullivan, Lis Munden and Patrick Findlater. Katherine Passerieu has resigned from PCC.  |  |
| 3. | Designation of other business. The lottery return for the Barnes Fashion Show.   |  |
| 4. | The minutes of the May PCC meeting were signed as a true record.   |  |
| 5. | Matters arising. None  |  |
| 6. | Correspondence. None other than letters of appreciation to the Rector.   |  |
| 7. | Plans for the interregnum. Richard noted the timescale before a new Rector arrived. He said that a fallow period between incumbents is a useful time. A church is not merely the Rector. The people learn they can be a church without clergy. 'Where next' determines 'who next' – not the other way around. The PCC will play a crucial role in the interregnum, led by the Churchwardens.<br>The Away Day in September will start the process, when the Council will discuss what's good about St Mary's, what needs to be improved, and next steps. We'll work on the Parish Profile and the advertisement. The congregation will be encouraged to engage with the process with some sessions after Sunday services. The advertisement will appear in the Church Times in January, with interviews in Feb/March and the new incumbent arriving in May/June. The Team Council appoints the Board of Patronage which will conduct the interviews.<br>This will comprise Bishop Richard Cheetham, the Archdeacon, 2 lay members from St Mary's, one from each of the other churches in the Team, one of the canons of St Paul's Cathedral and the Team vicars.<br>During the interregnum, Bishop Richard Harries has said he will help as much as he can, as will Sister Margaret Anne too. |  |

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| <p>8. Ordinands on placement. Martin Calderbank has completed two out of three years of his training. This autumn he will be based at St Michael's. Hayley Argles-Grant is an ordinand at St Michael's and she will be at St Mary's from September to November.</p>  |  |
| <p>9. Lay Leadership project. The Diocesan Synod had approved the proposals and strongly commended the initiative. Paul Teverson has attended a Lay Leadership Advisory Group meeting and Geoffrey Barnett attended a symposium on the project in June, convened by Bishop Richard Cheetham. The PCC should consider how we could use the lay leadership approach to help implement our revised Mission Action Plan. We should encourage people to grow in confidence in their discipleship, and to take on ministry roles. Small developments can help strengthen our faith and enhance worship. Geoffrey encouraged the Council to look at the link to Holy Trinity, South Wimbledon <a href="http://www.ht-sw.org.uk/mondaytosaturday.htm">http://www.ht-sw.org.uk/mondaytosaturday.htm</a></p> |  |
| <p>10. Committee reports<br/> - Fabric: progress on works. Peter Boyling proposed and Geoffrey Barnett seconded the proposal to accept the lower quote for the relaying of the Garden of Remembrance path. All were in favour. The PCC agreed unanimously that the cost of engraving each stone be increased to £360.<br/> The Churchwardens and Andrew Summers are meeting a potential new Church Architect this week.</p>  |  |
| <p>11. Any other business<br/> The PCC passed a resolution (proposed by Phil Bladen and seconded by Michael Murison) authorising Andrew Summers and Patrick Findlater to certify John Deards' lottery return for the Barnes Charity Fashion Show. All were in favour.</p>  |  |
| <p>This was Richard's last PCC meeting in the chair and he thanked the Council for their work and friendship. He commented that it is very important that PCCs are actively engaged and constructively involved. Phil thanked Richard for his leadership of the PCC and everything he had done for St Mary's.</p>  |  |
| <p><u>Dates of future meetings:</u><br/> Away Day: 29 Sept<br/> 16 Oct<br/> 13 Nov</p>   |  |
| <p>Meeting closed at 21.22</p>   |  |