

Barnes Team Ministry The Parish Church of St Mary Barnes

A meeting of the Parochial Church Council was held on Tuesday 24 January in the church, starting with a reflection by Peter Boyling focussing on silence during and especially before the service.

1.	Present: The Rector, Revd Ann Lynes, Paul Teverson, Patty Darke, Patrick Findlater, Peter Boyling, Anne White, Christine Butenuth, Phil Bladen, Geoffrey Barnett, Paul Phillips, Tom Ridley, Rachel Skilbeck and Judy Gowing. Apologies were received from William Heller, Emma Powell, Sue Boyd and Annie Sullivan.	Action
2.	Designation of other business	
3.	The minutes of PCC meeting held on 22 November were signed as a true record.	JG
4.	Matters arising. Charlie Auton's appointment has been confirmed for another year. Ian Cowell has joined the Financial Strategy Group.	
5.	Correspondence. GlassDoor and AgeUK Richmond have sent thanks for the donations. Church Urban Fund was delighted with the proceeds of the Carol Service.	
6.	Funeral practice in the Church of England. The PCC discussed experiences of funerals. There was a wide ranging discussion on this topic. Richard described the relationship between St Mary's and the Funeral Directors and the current good relations we enjoy. Richard explained that we take funerals for anyone who lived in the parish whatever their link with the church. It was suggested the vergers should wear a 'St Mary's' badge to identify them to assist their visibility at funerals.	RS
7.	Finance. The Treasurer presented preliminary figures for 2016. He recommended that £4,500 is allocated to be paid away in charitable giving in 2017. The Kitson Hall Reserve fund has been topped up to the £35,000 agreed by PCC, and the surplus balance of £12,634 has been passed to the General fund. This leaves the balance on the latter above the £75,000 agreed by PCC, but will allow us to cover the deficit in the Youth fund which will emerge in 2018. The PCC approved these movements. The available cash is lower on account of the investment in CCLA Investment fund, and the outflow from the Friends fund in respect of capital projects.	
8.	Mission Action Plan. This item was deferred for discussion at March PCC.	JG
9.	New Director of Music. Chris Cromar was due to take up his appointment fully at the beginning of February and has been covering when Dan Turner was unavailable. Unfortunately Chris has decided that he cannot sign the contract and is withdrawing from the post. Revised advertisements have been placed with a view to interviews in March.	
10.	Matters arising from written reports from committees/groups	
	Fabric Committee. Peter Boyling reported that CCTV has been installed, the lighting installation is underway and the memorial window will be installed in March.	

	Kitson Hall. William Heller had submitted a report from the Kitson Hall. The floors had been re-sanded and look good. The oven has broken down and needs replacing, and the dishwasher was getting old. He requested that the PCC approved the purchase of a new oven and dishwasher up to the value of £7,500 inc vat for the oven and £2,500 + vat for the dishwasher. A replacement oven will be hired for the Charity Ball and Homeless Lunch on the same week-end. The PCC approved this action.	WH
	Hospitality. Patty Darke reported that there is now a good group of people working on hospitality. One Hospitality lunch has been held. The next one on 26 February will be hosted by Fiona and Geoffrey Barnett. The dates of future lunches are 12 March and 7 May and hosts are being sought.	PD
11.	Fees for occasional offices. A paper of the Church of England fees was circulated and the PCC agreed the fee structure should remain unchanged from 2016 levels, unless the Church of England advised an increase. It was noted that not all the fees were retained by St Mary's. The rest goes to the Diocese.	
12.	Any other business. At the end of Ann Lynes' last PCC meeting, she reflected on her curacy and gave three observations: a) Home groups could be used in more imaginative ways. b) A bold step had been taken in becoming an Inclusive Church; she encouraged us to continue to confidently embrace the stance. c) Lastly she encouraged us to engage more with the Team, to foster deeper relationships between the churches and learn from each other. More can be achieved in the community by working together. Richard thanked Ann for all she has brought to St Mary's. She has made a considerable contribution to the parish and will be missed. Ann told the PCC that Richard had been a wonderful training incumbent. Her licensing is on 27 February at Holy Trinity, Northwood.	
13.	<u>Dates of future meetings:</u> 14 March (in Kitson Hall) APCM: 27 April 9 May <i>(6 June – please delete from your diaries)</i> 11 July 23 September (Away Day now confirmed at the Kairos Centre, Roehampton) 17 October 14 November	All JG
	The meeting closed with the Grace at 21.50	