

Barnes Team Ministry The Parish Church of St Mary Barnes

A meeting of the Parochial Church Council was held on Tuesday 30 January in the church.

Richard told PCC that tragically Charles Turnbull had taken his life at church on Sunday evening. Also that Lady Anne White has had a stroke. Prayers were said.

1.	<p>Reflection: Lis Munden talked about sanctity following Bishop Richard's sermon at Candlemas and she finished with this prayer.</p> <p><i>'The Sister on my first ward was scary and stern to us nurses but for the patients she had nothing but compassion. Every morning before an early shift we would stand with her around the nurses station and she would say this:</i></p> <p><i>Dear Lord, guide my heart, my hands and my words this day as I care for your children on Earth.</i></p> <p><i>Help me to provide comfort and compassion at just the right times and when my day is over, allow me rest to keep me strong.</i></p> <p><i>Thank you for all God's blessings. Amen'</i></p>	
2.	Apologies were received from Cathy Putz, Annie Sullivan, Peter Boyling, Paul Phillips (retrospectively)	
3.	The minutes of the November PCC meeting were signed as a true record.	
4.	<p>Matters arising.</p> <p>Fire risk assessments will be undertaken in the coming months. It was suggested that key people be trained/briefed by the team who check/service the fire precautions annually. The Rector and Sian Walford are following up on the safety of the Daily Friends.</p> <p>Mission Action Plan has been launched and the Rector urged all Council members to be fully engaged with its elements and be ready and willing to discuss them with others.</p>	<p>PB/CC</p> <p>RS/SW</p> <p>All</p>
5.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Most of the benefitting charities have written letters of thanks for the donations.</p>	
6.	<p>Finance – end of year review</p> <p>The Treasurer reported a very positive state of finances at the year end. Kitson Hall had performed exceptionally well and resulted in an excess of over £20,000. The General Fund also exceeded budgeted aims, and other funds were on target. PCC voted some time ago that the reserve held in the General Fund be £75,000. During the year, the amount in the fund grew from £110,481 to £120,538. The Treasurer proposed (seconded by Michael Murison) that £45,000 be transferred to The Friends Fund, with the proviso that the Friends may be asked to return to the General Fund up to a similar amount in the event of some serious emergency that has not been foreseen.</p> <p>He also proposed (seconded by Geoffrey Barnett) that the</p>	

	<p>surplus in the Kitson Hall fund (£20,836) be transferred to the Youth Worker fund, to enable us to fund St Mary's share of Charlie Auton's salary for a further eighteen months. The Youth Worker fund will become a discretionary fund, like the Kitson Hall, and we have written to those still giving to this fund to seek their agreement.</p> <p>The Treasurer's third proposal (seconded by Phil Bladen) was that we allocated £3,200 (being just over half of the amount raised from the Christmas Fair and the sale of Christmas cards) for donations to charity. This is part of the £8,413 shown in the General Fund accounts; the PCC were pleased to learn that total charitable giving in 2017 amounted to £39,487 (later revised to £40,147), compared with £32,342 in 2016. The Council approved all three proposals unanimously.</p> <p>A notable feature of the year-end balance sheet is that the advance receipts for the Ball and Music Festival were only £28,745, compared with £46,574 in 2016. It is hoped that income holds up to the levels of 2017, and that the cost pressures being experienced in some areas are not too severe. Our Parish Share will increase by £4,000 in 2018. William Heller proposed that £4,355 (+ £1,000 contingency) be spent on decorating of the exterior of Kitson Hall. The PCC agreed.</p>	
7.	<p>Staff salaries have been reviewed. Based on the positive feedback on Cheryl Cole's work and her administration of Kitson Hall, the Standing Committee recommend an increase of 3%.</p> <p>St Mary's shares the responsibility for Charlie Auton's salary with St Margaret's Putney. Both churches wish to encourage his work. The Standing Committee and St Margaret's propose to increase his salary by 3%.</p> <p>Henry Chandler feels he cannot complete his work within his contracted 8 hours and has asked to increase his hours to 10 per week. After a successful trial period of 6 months, the Standing Committee also recommend that the hourly rate increases in line with recommendations from professional musical bodies. His annual salary would rise to £10,400. Paul Teverson proposed these salary raises, which were seconded by Geoffrey Barnett, and approved unanimously by the Council.</p>	
8.	<p>Diocesan policy and resources on the environment</p> <p>Paul Teverson circulated this document and encouraged PCC members to think about how it can impact St Mary's and the Mission Action Plan. There are also useful links from the diocesan website. It will be a significant part of our Away Day in September. The Fabric committee was asked to review our usage of various resources.</p>	
9.	<p>Fabric</p> <p>Garden of Remembrance. The diocesan process for approval to use an additional path for inscribing names requires a new</p>	

	<p>faculty. On a proposal of Paul Teverson, seconded by Lis Munden, the Council resolved unanimously to seek a faculty to use an additional section of churchyard path (running south-east from the stone circle area, towards the east gate of the churchyard) for inscribing names.</p> <p>Church architect, Paul Sharrock. The Standing Committee recommends that we take steps to terminate his appointment, as it has become increasingly difficult to communicate with him. The PCC agreed.</p> <p>The radio microphones need to be replaced at a cost of approx. £4,000, which will be covered by The Friends. PCC approved the expenditure.</p>	
10.	<p>Reports from the committees:</p> <p>From the Learning Group: there will be a group on Thursday mornings at 10.30am through Lent, based on 'Christ in the Wilderness' by Stephen Cotterell, hosted by Fiona and Geoffrey Barnett.</p> <p>JG to ask all group leaders to report at the March meeting.</p>	JG
11.	<p>Upcoming events</p> <p>There will be only one Lent talk this year. Baroness Shirley Williams will speak at St Osmund's on Thursday, 1 March about her faith and her life.</p> <p>The Rector is leading a group of 19 people from St Mary's on a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land on 6-15 February.</p> <p>Recent events: Candlemas service was a wonderful event. The recently-installed Magna Carta window was blessed by the Bishop of Kingston during the service.</p>	
12.	<p>Boileau Road The Diocese has now agreed to buy Holy Trinity's 30% of the property. The Diocese is keen to expand its accommodation for curates and the house would be available across the deanery when not in use for our curate. The Rector proposed (seconded by Tom Ridley) that the PCC accept the Diocesan proposition, subject to due diligence. The PCC agree unanimously.</p>	
13.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Safeguarding should be on the next agenda.</p> <p>Annual Review of Fees: The only change is to increase the fee for memorial services to £120.</p> <p>This item should be on the October agenda annually.</p>	JG JG
<p><u>Dates of future meetings</u> PCC: 13 March APCM: 26 April 22 May 10 July Away Day: 29 September 16 October 13 November</p>		

