

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

THE ANNUAL MEETINGS

Minutes of the Meetings held in the Church on Monday, 26 April 2010 at 8 pm

Present: The churchwardens and 65 members of the parish.

A EASTER VESTRY

For the purpose of electing two churchwardens to serve for the coming year.

The meeting agreed that Phil Bladen should chair this meeting.

Nominations for churchwardens had been received as follows:

Rosie Findlater, proposed by Ken Hitchcock and seconded by Lucy Hine

Peter Boyling, proposed by Charles Goldsmith and seconded by Craig Boundy.

There being no other nominations, these two people were elected churchwardens for the coming year. The chairman thanked Fiona Barnett and Rosie Findlater warmly on behalf of the parish for their work as wardens over the last year, and Fiona for her six years as churchwarden. Fiona spoke of her appreciation of the gifts of so many people working behind the scenes, and her expectation that St Mary's would go from strength to strength.

B THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

In the absence of the Team Rector Peter Boyling, as vice chair of the PCC, chaired this meeting.

1. Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 29 April 2009

The minutes had been displayed on the porch notice board for the past year and were also reproduced in the Annual Report. The meeting unanimously approved them as a true record on a proposal of Michael Murison, seconded by Celia Cleave.

2. Church Electoral Roll

The chairman reported that there were 345 people on the roll, a net increase of 8 over the year.

3. Elections

(a) Deanery Synod (for two representatives to serve for a year)

The following nomination had been received:

Lorraine Budgen, proposed by Rosie Findlater and seconded by Eddie Hartley.

No other nomination was made and she was elected unanimously.

(b) Parochial Church Council (for one representative to serve for two years and five to serve for three years).

The following nominations had been received:

For two years:

Christabel Gairdner, proposed by Peter Boyling and seconded by Judy Gowing

For three years:

Eddie Hartley, proposed by Giles Dimock and seconded by Marjorie Wing

Sarah Reay, proposed by Richard du Parcq and seconded by Kate Boundy

Pippa Woodroffe, proposed by Phil Bladen and seconded by Richard du Parcq
Judy Gowing, proposed by Trisha Hawkins and seconded by Nick Bryant
Paul Teverson, proposed by Fiona Barnett and seconded by Claire Boyling.

These persons were elected unanimously.

(c) Election of Sidesmen for 2010-2011

The Chairman thanked Tiziana George for her service through the year as chief sidesperson and those who were stepping down after their periods of service, namely Alastair Mackie, Jonathon Wilson, Alan Mitchell and Celia Cleave. He proposed the following be elected as sidesmen for the coming year: David Barrie, David Blacklock, Claire Boyling, Elizabeth Casson, Brian Cleave, Tony Dundas, Sue Dundas, Wiz Dundas, Hamish Henderson, Patrick Findlater, Ken George, Tiziana George, Charles Goldsmith, David Greenwood, David Heyhoe, Ken Hitchcock, Amanda Iremonger, Jonathan Iremonger, Wendy Kyrle-Pope, Desmond MacDermott, Josephine MacDermott, Nigel Makepeace, Richard McGee, Neville Otty, Nick Phillips, Ferelith Reay, Peter Siddall, Fiona Smith, Andrew Summers, Joan Wheeler-Bennett, and Marjorie Wing.

Election of these persons was approved unanimously.

4. Report on proceedings of the PCC

The chairman referred to the written report of the PCC for the year. He noted that thanks from the PCC were due to very many of the congregation for their work for the church, and the meeting joined him in special thanks to Raymond Chapman and Geoffrey Barnett. The meeting received the report.

5. Report on the annual accounts

Richard du Parcq, PCC Hon Treasurer, referred to his written report. Taking the meeting through the key figures he noted that the reduction in giving and the increase in our payment to the diocese were major factors contributing to the reduction in the general fund reserve of £23,000. The PCC were addressing both the promotion of Christian Stewardship in the parish and the current review of the level of payment to the diocese.

The Treasurer was stepping down after six years and the chairman thanked him for his great commitment and hard work over that long period. A presentation was made to him.

6. Appointment of an Independent Examiner for 2010 accounts

The meeting approved unanimously the appointment of Alastair Cameron to examine the 2010 accounts, on a proposal of the chairman, seconded by Iain Radford.

7. Report on the fabric of the church and the Kitson Hall

The chairman drew attention to the written reports on the fabric of the church and of the Kitson Hall. He thanked Michael Murison for his work over his first year as chair of the fabric committee and Charlotte Kramer for her two years as chair of the Kitson Hall Committee. He welcomed Chessy Smith as the new chair of the Kitson Hall committee. The meeting received the reports.

8. Report on the Team Council

The chairman noted the written report on the Team Council and its accounts for 2009. Its main income was currently from rental of the curate's house, and its expenditure mainly funded the Team's work with our young people. The meeting received the report.

9. Reports on the Deanery Synod and on Churches Together in Barnes

The written reports were noted by the meeting.

10. Discussion: St Mary's – the future

Under this item:

a) the chairman invited views on how we could improve communication between the congregation and the PCC. A comment in reply suggested that communication had been improving in recent times and that this was reassuring. Other comments suggested more use of emails and the pewsheets

b) he reported on progress with the appointment of a new Team Rector.

c) he summarised the 67 responses to the PCC's consultation with the congregation on what the congregation valued about St Mary's, where our challenges were and what we were looking for from a new Team Rector. The responses had influenced our parish profile which described ourselves and our needs to potential applicants

d) the congregation were asked to pass the advertisement for the post to any who might be interested in the appointment. The chairman agreed that the advertisement would be placed on our website and news of the advertisement included in the pewsheets

e) Nick Bryant announced fund raising plans for the heating, including applications to trusts and a cycle ride round Richmond Park on 4 July. In discussion of the plans for the heating works the PCC was asked to ensure that we would time the closure of the church to avoid major festivals.

f) the chairman encouraged those with standing orders to put tokens into the collection to show that everyone was making a financial contribution to the church

g) the chairman invited the congregation to share the responsibility for finding volunteers for jobs, by ensuring that they knew which jobs needed filling, and seeking appropriate people among their circles of contacts. A comment was made that people might feel daunted by high expectations of posts: the chair agreed and said that we were trying to break up apparently large jobs into manageable elements to suit those who might be interested.

11. Any Other Business

The state of play on the imposition of new double yellow lines outside the church was raised. The chairman said that after months of negotiation with Council staff the Council were seeking to restore evening and Sunday parking, perhaps with slightly different times, but the consultation process for legislation would take time.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Left for decision by the PCC at a later date.

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