



## Barnes Team Ministry

A meeting of the PCC took place on Zoom at **6.00 pm** on 16 February 2021

### MINUTES

1.	<p><b>Present:</b> Revd James Hutchings, Peter Boyling, Patrick Findlater, Fouki Heller, Phil Bladen, William Heller, Cathy Putz, Joan Wheeler-Bennett, Michael Murison, Paul Teverson, Sue Mackworth-Praed, Christabel Gairdner, Rachel Skilbeck and Judy Gowing</p> <p><b>Apologies</b> were received from Cate Summers, Lis Munden, Jo Fraser and Annie Sullivan</p>	
2.	The minutes of the November PCC meeting were accepted as a true record.	
3.	<p><b>Matters arising</b></p> <p>Update on livestreaming equipment. See Fabric Committee report below.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Faith in Action review</b></p> <p>James had circulated a paper for November PCC which was postponed and carried forward. The current model of away giving is largely based on income from events (Charity Ball, Charity Fashion Show, Charity Bike Sale etc) and supports nine different charities. It was suggested that the list should be reduced, and the more local charities continued (with the exception of UTS) – but maybe for a limited time. Shenehom was suggested as another local charity. There was a discussion about whether it was right not to make any charitable donations this year, because despite faring remarkably well in 2020, this current year was likely to be difficult. It was decided to form a sub-group to take this forward. James asked those wishing to join the group to contact him. Steve indicated his willingness to be a member.</p>	All
5.	<p><b>Rector's report</b></p> <p>Christmas was challenging and different but there were some innovations which will continue in future years. Trisha Hawkins and her team were congratulated on the amazing result from the sale of Christmas cards and will continue with an online shop in the future.</p> <p>Lent: the Ash Wednesday service will be virtual; "A River in the Desert". A Lent course written by Richard Sewell. The materials are available online and we will have a weekly zoom discussion group on a Monday evening; Bishop's Lent Call 2021 focusses on supporting projects combatting food insecurity, both in Southwark and in our twinned dioceses in Zimbabwe and Jerusalem;</p> <p>Stewardship: James proposed waiting until we are back in church before holding another campaign; Services are likely to continue online only for most if not all of Lent. Once the schools are back it is possible, we could hold physical services again. The large wire cross will be in a prominent place in the churchyard as a focal point for Lent. This can then be decorated with</p>	

	<p>flowers on Easter Day; Mothering Sunday: If services in church are still unwise, we may have a short celebration in the churchyard and distribute flowers outside the lychgate as in 2020; Palm Sunday: it is hoped we can have some kind of procession from the hall, or just a mini one around the churchyard, as well as the usual service; Holy Week: Compline Monday-Wednesday evenings in church or online. As long as the church is open for prayer, we can have the Stations of the Cross on display as a focus for prayer; Maundy Thursday: The hall meal will not be possible but maybe a more conventional socially distanced service in church might be. James is thinking of doing a shoeshine service outside the lychgate, as a modern form of foot-washing; Good Friday: Possibly a simple short service in the churchyard around the large cross, singing <i>There is a Green Hill</i> and a short reading and prayers. We might give away Hot Cross Buns to passers-by. Then reflections on the cross (12-2pm), and a traditional Good Friday service (2pm) in church or recorded; Easter Day: The dawn service starts with lighting the fire outside the front door. A short service entirely outside could be arranged if the church can't be used. Hopefully 8am and 10am Eucharists in church will be possible, and/or with a short joyful Easter celebration in the churchyard, including decorating the cross with flowers and rolling the stone away from the Easter Garden, ending with an Easter egg hunt!</p> <p>Boileau Road: The tenants have given notice. A Qualified Surveyor Report is required to show we are getting best value for the property. It will be marketed as soon as possible. It was funded originally to allow a curate to be housed, and we would need to comply with any restrictions there might be on the use of the funds.</p>	
6	<p>Finance - 2020 accounts</p> <p>Given the pandemic, it is an extraordinary achievement that the accounts show a surplus of about £7,000. In the General unrestricted fund, the chief variances were the unexpected receipt of £28,352 derived from accrued rents from Boileau Road, and the rather surprising gain of £6,837 in our CCLA investment. There was lower expenditure but considerable reductions in income from events, church hire and weddings/funerals. The final annual deficit is £1,000 against the budgeted loss of nearly £21,000, and of almost £15,000 in 2019. An encouraging feature for 2021 was the generous rise in giving.</p> <p>The Kitson Hall was non-functioning for much of the year but had reduced expenses by way of waste collection fees and cleaning, as well as a government contribution, and so achieved a surplus of £9,776. £4,500 was received in hire fees which were unused, so these have been rolled forward into 2021. The surplus has been transferred to the Youth Fund, which as a consequence has only suffered depletion by £3,000 over the year. The Youth Fund has also been the principal beneficiary of the government's Job Retention scheme. Patrick proposed, and Joan Wheeler-Bennett seconded, the transfer of the Kitson Hall surplus to the Youth Fund. All were in favour.</p> <p>It was fortunate that The Friends were able to hold the Ball before the lockdown began. The surplus was £45,000, thanks to a large donation from Goldman, Sachs. After charitable donations, the proceeds were over £22,000, which has carried us through the year. The Music Festival achieved only a very modest surplus, but the Fashion Show managed to produce</p>	

	<p>£3,500 – a considerable achievement by the organisers, who created Barnes Fashion Week by way of substitute. The Friends’ Fund has sufficient resources to cover the main projects planned in 2021, being the work on the wall adjoining Church Road, and an upgrade to our audio-visual equipment.</p> <p>St Mary’s has been a significant beneficiary of the Job Retention Scheme, which provided funding to the General fund, Kitson Hall and the Youth Fund. Total received during the year was £16,818.</p> <p>The Treasurer was congratulated and thanked for all his work in a very difficult year.</p>	
7	<p><b>Fabric Committee</b></p> <p>As previously agreed by the PCC, two cameras (size: 142 x 164 x 169mm) will be installed; one on top of the western pillar, able to angle at the chapel, the main nave or the bell ringing, and the other on the beam at the back right of the main nave, just above the current camera (that provides pictures to the Melvill Room), to angle at the main church and altar and the font for baptisms). Presets will make choice of angle and changes easy to apply. On a proposal by Peter Boyling, seconded by Steve Cox, the PCC resolved that a faculty be sought to install live streaming equipment in the church as specified in the quotation from B+H dated 2/2/21. All were in favour.</p> <p><u>Hoare memorial.</u> The application for a faculty is with the Chancellor of the diocese, who has asked for formalisation of a note we provided about the slavery links that the Hoare family may have had. It is hoped that the faculty will be granted rapidly, and work can be completed before the Music Festival starts in May. The cost of £10,000 will funded by the Hoare family.</p> <p><u>Churchyard wall.</u> The application for a faculty for repair of the wall along Church Road has been made to the DAC by our parish architect and resubmitted with minor changes sought by the DAC.</p> <p><u>Quinquennial.</u> There are a number of pieces of relatively minor pieces of work to be undertaken.</p> <p><u>Fire precautions.</u> To meet the requirements of a fire risk assessment, we need install fire alarm buttons, including by each of the main exit doors on the ground floor. These would be linked to the alarm system wirelessly. Given the size of the church, we should also create a second zone for the fire alarm system. This would give separate warning lights for each area, enabling the source of a fire to be identified more specifically. This would mean that the current smoke detectors would need either to be rewired, with more cabling, or replaced by wireless ones. Further advice is being sought on these issues and will return to a future PCC meeting.</p>	
8	<p><b>Environmental policy</b></p> <p>The environment subgroup had suggested specific actions under the headings Worship and Teaching, Lifestyle, Management of church land, and Management of church and hall buildings. The main usage of carbon is the gas central heating. We have already taken some remedial steps: measuring our energy use and its carbon footprint and log it with the CofE; the use of 100% renewable electricity; the use LED bulbs in the nave and we replace other bulbs with LED as they fail; the paper cups are recyclable, the office tries to reduce the amount of print needed and print double sided; recycling bins for waste from the church; lower thermostat settings for the church and hall heating; taken preliminary advice about the cost/benefit of air source</p>	

	heat pumps to help heat the building. The advice was not to invest in alternative technologies until they are further developed. So we should consider whether we should instead start to pay to offset our current carbon usages. More investigation is needed and will be discussed at future PCC meetings.	
9	<b>APCM - 29 April.</b> It is still unclear whether it will be in church or online or a hybrid. Members were encouraged to think of people who would contribute positively to the PCC and/or Deanery Synod. Rachel Skilbeck will be the Electoral Roll Officer and will be officially appointed at the APCM. The Council was gratefully in approval.	
10	<b>Safeguarding</b> - advice for Daily Friends. Because the Secretary forgot to circulate the paper prepared by Lis, the discussion was deferred until the next meeting.	
11	<b>Disciplinary, Grievance and Complaints policies</b> These three policies were represented for approval. Cathy suggested that they should all include a confidentiality clause. This will be added, and the policies will be on the next PCC agenda.	Judy
12	<b>AOB</b> The new Vicar at All Saints Putney has suggested a review of the parish boundaries as our area stretches to Horne Way on the Ranelagh Estate, on the Putney side of Beverley Brook. It is suggested that we tidy up the boundary by making this the brook itself. James is investigating the Diocesan procedure and will bring the information to the next PCC. Paul asked why there was no January meeting this year and a long gap between November and February. The Standing Committee will review the dates for the rest of the year.	James SC

The meeting closed with the Grace at 19.30.

**Please note revised dates of future PCC meetings:**

23 March  
29 April APCM  
11 May  
13 July  
21 September  
16 Oct Away Day  
30 Nov  
25 Jan  
22 March