



Barnes Team Ministry

A meeting of the PCC took place on Zoom at 6.00 pm on 13 July 2021

MINUTES

1.	<p>Welcome and apologies Present: Rector, Peter Boyling, Phil Bladen, Fouki Heller, William Heller, Patrick Findlater, Cathy Putz, Michael Murison, Michael Ross-McCall, Steve Cox, Annie Sullivan, Christabel Gairdner, Lis Munden, Paul Teverson, Judy Gowing Apologies were received from: Cate Summers, Sue Mackworth-Praed and Joan Wheeler-Bennett</p>
2	<p>The minutes of May meeting were signed as a correct record</p>
3	<p>Matters arising: The clearing of churchyard monuments will be left until the Autumn. Safeguarding security issue: this is being left to the diocese to make representations about the new proposed legislation.</p>
4	<p>The PCC approved the appointment of the following as Eucharistic Assistants: Fiona Barnett, Fouki Heller, William Heller, Giles Dimock, Rosie Findlater, Helen Bladen, Katherine Passerieu, Paul Teverson, Lucy Hine, Wiz Dundas, Patty Darke, Phil Bladen, Judy Gowing</p>
5	<p>Rector's report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning for post-19 July Following the relaxation of Covid restrictions on 19 July, we need to remain sensitive to those who are anxious about the virus. We will be able to sing as a congregation with a full choir. In response to comments from parishioners, James and the wardens have decided not to reintroduce the chalice until early September. We won't need contact sheets but will still have the NHS QR code poster. We will continue to share the peace without contact and the collection plate will not be passed around. We shall keep a similar configuration of chairs with a few extras, while still keeping space between chairs. James wants to build confidence and assurance that there will be no surprises. - The pilot sessions of the Toddler service on Tuesdays have been very encouraging and services will start again in the new term. - Barnes Fund has commissioned a comprehensive needs analysis. Findings relevant to the church include the need to support young people's mental health, older people' isolation, improving coordination between agencies, and the value of community space in which to meet. Older people's isolation will hopefully reduce soon although those still alone may feel more isolated when others are out and about. - Welcome video is being filmed. The videographer was filming at the Open Day, and will be at the Parish Eucharist on Sunday. He now has plenty of material. - Sale of Boileau Road: we are near to exchange of contracts. Final sale price is £967,000. We should receive our share of £650,000 towards middle of August. The Financial Strategy Group will discuss how those proceeds should be invested and will report back to PCC. <p style="text-align: right;">Action: JH</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Open Day was very successful. There were a good number of people all day with plenty of entertainment. We decided it would be good to have another Open Day each year maybe combined with the Patronal Festival. - Peter Siddall has agreed to facilitate the Away Day discussions. <p style="text-align: right;">Action: JH to talk to Peter Siddall</p>
6	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PSF 2021 and 2022 The Treasurer reported better than budgeted results for the second quarter and proposed a 2% increase in our pledge for the Parish Support Fund for 2022, seconded Michael Murison. All were in favour. He recommended waiting until September to make a final decision on a further contribution to PSF 2021. - 2021 finance policy & procedures. There were only small changes to the financial procedures document. All agreed to adopt it. <p>Patrick was thanked for his continued work.</p>
7	<p>Fabric Committee</p> <p><u>Faculties</u></p> <p>Hoare memorial: we are still awaiting a decision. The Chancellor of the diocese has now received advice on the proposal from the diocesan Minority Ethnic Concerns Committee. However we are told that the quarry has provided unsuitable stone and a new source is being pursued by the mason and architect.</p> <p>Live streaming of services: The full faculty has been approved. Meanwhile the system has been in operation for some weeks, and an increasing number of people are trained to share the job of streaming services.</p> <p>Churchyard wall: the work has been finished.</p> <p>Lychgate gates: the faculty has been approved. We await a recommendation as to the joiner to be contracted. The gates will be removed for the work to be done.</p> <p>Noticeboard: the new noticeboard has been installed on the churchyard wall and in use.</p> <p><u>Quinquennial works</u></p> <p>Rainwater was running close to one of the Langton Chapel windows. The water has now been redirected.</p> <p>Porch: minor pointing and pinning of stonework has been completed.</p> <p>Tower roof lead: the crack in the lead covering the very top of the tower staircase is yet to be tackled, along with a decision as to whether the weathervane should be regilded at the same time.</p> <p>Heating trenches in the nave: replacement of the broken grouting is planned for 19 July.</p> <p>Garden store: the decking in front of the door is loose and dangerous. The quote to lay flag stones is too high and we plan to do this over the summer as a DIY job.</p> <p>North boundary fence: the old fence is beginning to lean towards the church. A substantial tree on the neighbour's side may be causing this. This will be discussed with our neighbour and the fence realigned.</p> <p><u>Other works</u></p> <p>The bench by the office door in the east courtyard is past repair. We will have the others re-stained to conserve them.</p> <p>There was no further ingress of water during the storm on Monday.</p>
8	<p>Environmental group</p> <p><u>Prayer and Worship</u></p> <p>The new diocesan Head of Justice, Peace and integrity of Creation, Nicola Thomas, spoke powerfully on 4 July. The planned outdoor eucharist on 11 July was well received. The very successful pet service in April was held outdoors as planned. Intercessors now often include the environment in their prayers. We have gained a bronze award from EcoChurch for our achievements so far. The award was awaiting hanging, perhaps in the porch. We shall look at further steps to get a Silver Award.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: JH / PBo</p>

	<p><u>Garden</u> The water butt is in place and had rapidly filled up. Recycled rubbish/recycling bins are in use by the lych gate and in the west courtyard. A squirrel has eaten one of the two bird feeders. A replacement was undergoing exhaustive trials.</p> <p><u>Community and global engagement</u> Following an initiative by James, St Osmund's new Green Group has expressed interest in working together with other Barnes churches and with St Osmund's school. There will be a prayer vigil at Southwark Cathedral on 23 October. People are encouraged to join a walking pilgrimage there, taking a "letter for creation" to hand in.</p> <p><u>Lifestyle</u> The WhatsApp group has been created. People are messaging our Instagram account to exchange ideas. Sarah had investigated an option for Toilet Twinning. With a donation of £240 from the church, the organisation would build a toilet in a developing country that needed them. FoBC is organising a photo exhibition in the church in early August. This could be an opportunity to publicise what we are doing and build on links with FoBC. Chris Tomlinson has joined the group. He is an engineer and would be able to advise on new heating systems. William Heller reported that the Hall's strip lighting is being converted to LED at a cost of £600.</p>
9	<p>Faith in Action In early Autumn, we will decide which charities to support in future and whether PCC should contribute to those charities as well. Steve suggested that now is a good time to be bold in our support of our chosen charities to make a real difference and be outward facing. Action: all PCC at Away Day</p>
10	<p>Safeguarding The reporting form was adopted.</p>
	<p>AOB: KH Fire alarms to be discussed at Sept PCC. Approx £5,000. Cheryl has requested that the APCM Report and Review should be done by someone else. Judy Gowing will discuss with her. Action: JG At Deanery Synod Living in Love and Faith (LLF) was discussed. LLF provides materials to reflect on what the church's position on gender, sexual identity and marriage should be. It was agreed that there should be a deanery-run course in the autumn. James supported this as it enables people with different views across parishes to converse more effectively than just at a parish level. The Knife Bin initiative is going ahead with help from police on where to site it.</p> <p>Meeting closed with the Grace at 19.25</p>

Dates of future PCC meetings:

21 September
16 October (Sat) Away Day
30 November