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Barnes Team Ministry
The Parish Church of St Mary Barnes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parochial Church Council held on Wednesday 26 November 2014 in the Ellerton Room.

Present: The Revd Richard Sewell (chair), The Revd Ann Lynes, Peter Boyling, Patrick Findlater, Phil Bladen, Paul Teverson, Patty Darke, Christabel Gairdner, William Heller, Ted Muxworthy, Chris Hine, Michael Murison, Emma Powell, Judy Gowing

1. Apologies were received from Tom Ridley, Sue Boyd, Francesca Wisdom, Matthew Purser, Annie Sullivan, Alison Collins
2. Minutes of last meeting were signed as a true record.
3. There were no matters arising.
4. Finance:
The Treasurer presented a draft budget for 2015. He assumed an increase in giving of 5%, which would produce a rise of £6,000 over the projected outturn for the current year, and projected modestly higher income from events and weddings/funerals. The budget for expenses in the General Fund is very similar to the current year, except for the slightly increased Parish Share.
The Treasurer also assumed a minor increase in the income from hiring Kitson Hall, and significantly less expenditure. Despite this, there would still be a deficit in the General Fund, though at a lower level. He anticipates that the Friends' fund will continue to produce surplus revenue at a similar level to the past few years.
The budgets were proposed by Patrick Findlater, seconded by Phil Bladen and accepted unanimously by the Council.

The Rector has convened a Finance Review Group to consider the financial situation and how to improve it. Rather than doing a short term Stewardship campaign in 2015, there will be continual communication with the congregation about our finances. He explained how the points raised in the PCC's discussion at the Awayday were being taken into account.
5. Youth Worker update: unfortunately one candidate withdrew and after interview, the other candidate was not offered the position. Other approaches would now be used.
6. Appointments: A chair for the Kitson Hall committee is urgently sought, as Peter Boyling has now resigned.
On a proposal of Richard Sewell, seconded by Peter Boyling, the Council unanimously elected Tom Ridley as a member of Deanery Synod.
7. Today and Tomorrow strategy – next step. The Council was encouraged to keep the key elements in mind and share them with the congregation in discussion.

8. Committee reports

- 800th anniversary: Richard presented the publicity flier for the 2015 activities. Michael Murison and William Heller had met another possible supplier of the memorial window who will produce a proposal in early 2015.
- Kitson Hall: the new chair will ideally have some spare time during the day to liaise with Cheryl over the management of the Hall.
- Fabric: Future projects include improvement to the passage through to the hall, improving the lighting and reupholstering of some of the chairs.
- Learning Group: Ann Lynes has taken over chairing the group. Christabel presented a report of the recent meeting. The group is looking for one or two other representative members. Ann will approach to Sunday Club leaders to see if any of them would like to be involved.

Study groups are progressing well. The Tuesday group has divided into two, due to numbers and has been studying the gospel of Mark. Fiona and Geoffrey will be looking at Rowan Williams' 'Being Christian' in the Thursday group during Advent.

Ann is planning to run a Pilgrim course, starting in the New Year, probably on Wednesday evenings. This will be open to all, but is especially for those who have done the rough guide course.

Patty and Patrick are exploring setting up a lending library for recommended titles at the back of church.

The retreat day planned for Saturday 6th December has got a good number signed up (although still a few spaces) and promises to be a great day.

Ann seek out other courses and lectures around the area/deanery/diocese, with a view to advertising these in the parish.

The next Learning group meeting for Tuesday 28 April 2015 at 10am in the Kitson Room.

- Pastoral Care Group: A meeting had been held recently but Annie Sullivan's report had not been received in time to be presented to the meeting.
- Hospitality Group: Emma Powell had dealt with recent events very effectively. The next event to be planned is the buffet following Candlemas Service on 1 February, which will be the launch of the 800th anniversary year.
- Faith In Action Group: nothing to report
- Worship Group: Had met recently to review services and related issues and to plan up-coming services. Nothing special to report.

9. Any other business: The Rector was sad to announce the death of Patricia Chapman on Tuesday 18 November. Her funeral will take place at 12 noon on Monday 1 December at St Mary's.

Christmas Fair had been a happy community event, attracting lots of new visitors to St Mary's, and projected proceeds between £9-10,000. Thanks were recorded to Judy Gowing, Sue Adams and Patty Darke.

Dates of future meetings:

27 January, 17 March, 30 April (APCM)

The meeting closed with the Grace at 9.38.