



Barnes Team Ministry

A meeting of the PCC took place on Zoom at **6.00 pm** on 24 November 2020

MINUTES

1.	<p>Present: Revd James Hutchings (chair), Phil Bladen, Fouki Heller, Christabel Gairdner, Joan Wheeler-Bennett, Lis Munden, Paul Teverson, Cathy Putz, Patrick Findlater, William Heller, Steve Cox, Peter Boyling, Judy Gowing, Sue Mackworth-Praed</p> <p>Apologies were received from Michael Murison, Annie Sullivan and Jo Fraser</p>	
2	<p>The minutes of 13 October meeting were signed as a true record</p>	
3	<p>Matters arising: Phil reported that the live-streaming consultant is waiting for another quote. The Diocese is keen for projects like this to move ahead swiftly so it might be possible to apply for a Faculty retrospectively.</p> <p>Contactless giving: the new device should be arriving in early December.</p> <p>Carol Service: Henry is unavailable on 20th Dec due to a professional commitment. 13 Dec would be acceptable.</p> <p>Correction: Andrew Summers has set up www.ticketsource.co.uk/stmarybarnes so we can issue tickets for services over Christmas. (This will need to be communicated effectively. There would be some capacity available for people who hadn't booked.)</p>	
4	<p>Rector's report looked back over a fairly busy October and November despite lockdown and forward to plans for Advent and Christmas, and beyond.</p> <p>He thanked those, including Trisha Hawkins and Claire Boyling, who have been doing great work selling the church Christmas cards.</p>	
5	<p>MAP (Mission Action Plan) update</p> <p>Environment Group had a very good first meeting of the group, covering many possibilities for future actions on top of what is already being done to help St Mary's address the Church of England environmental aims.</p>	
6	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2021 budget: the Treasurer has forecast a shortfall of £94,000 in cash, to the end of 2021, largely due to the lack of fundraising events. It shows how reliant we are on events rather than giving. He is understandably worried we shall have to spend our reserves and reduce our investments in CCLA and Shawbrook Bank. Peter Boyling had circulated a paper pointing out that there were still significant reserves in each of the funds and this situation is what these reserves were intended for. He agreed with the Treasurer's comment that 'We have the financial strength to withstand the storm'. - William Heller said while it would be preferable to update the fire precautions in Kitson Hall, it could wait a year if necessary. - (Peter Boyling took over as chair when James was called away in an emergency). 	

	<p>Steve Cox supported Peter's paper. The PCC approved the 2021 budget unanimously.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accounting policy: The Treasurer had updated the document setting out the financial control mechanisms. The PCC accepted the policy statement. - Reserves policy: The PCC accepted the recommendations of the Financial Strategy Group. They noted that the £50,000 previously set aside for support to the Rector was no longer needed for this purpose and was available to help cope with the effects of the pandemic. The Treasurer stated that he would like to see this £50,000 Covid reserve restored when possible. It was agreed that this issue should return to the Financial Strategy Group for consideration. - Salaries review: It was noted that the paper that had been circulated contained confidential information. The PCC agreed unanimously that the salaries should increase by 1%. The Standing Committee recommendation to this effect had taken the movement in CPI into account. While the Government's Furlough Scheme pays 80% of salaries, we had continued to pay 100% of salaries. 	
7	<p>Fabric Committee</p> <p>The boundary wall along Church Road needs repair to the mortar and replacement of some bricks. The Parish Architect had obtained two quotes and he and the Fabric Committee recommended accepting the lower quote, from PAYE. and the PCC agreed the quote.</p> <p>The PCC noted that the public notice announcing the application to erect a memorial to the Hoare family was out at the moment.</p> <p>The Quinquennial Report on the church building included a long list of works, but no new ones were substantial or urgent. Peter asked PCC members to raise any particular questions with him by email.</p>	
8	<p>The review proposed by the Rector of our Faith in Action policies was deferred to next meeting when James could lead discussion. The PCC agreed to a suggestion by Paul Teverson that the item be taken early in the agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommendations as to the charities to benefit from accumulated away-giving funds were approved by the PCC. 	
9	<p>Safeguarding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advice for Daily Friends – deferred till next meeting 	
10	<p>AOB</p> <p>Correspondence: A letter of thanks from the diocese for our Parish Support Fund pledge for 2021 had been circulated to the PCC.</p> <p>Steve Cox offered about 30 second-hand bikes from Barnes Waterside to the Bike Sale team. Judy will put James Kyrle-Pope in touch with Steve.</p> <p>Members of the PCC supported Peter's appreciation of James' very effective leadership of the church in this difficult time.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 19.00 with the Grace.</p>	

Dates of future PCC meetings:

16 Feb
23 March
27 April
29 April APCM
25 May
22 June
21 September
26 Oct
30 Nov