

Barnes Team Ministry

The Parish Church of St Mary Barnes

A meeting of the PCC took place on Zoom at 6.00 pm on 13 October 2020

MINUTES

1.	Present: Revd James Hutchings, Phil Bladen, Fouki Heller, Peter Boyling, Patrick Findlater, Steve Cox, William Heller, Joan Wheeler-Bennett, Rachel Skilbeck, Annie Sullivan, Lis Munden, Cathy Putz, Michael Murison, Paul Teverson, Sue Mackworth-Praed and Judy Gowing Apologies were received from Christabel Gairdner, Cate Summers, Jo Fraser	
2	Approval of the minutes of September meeting were signed as an accurate record.	
3	Matters arising Phil Bladen has consulted the Diocesan advisor on the purchase of live-streaming equipment. Phil Bladen will order a contactless giving machine from Parish Buying.	PBI PBI
4	Rector's report Sunday Club has started again. Youth Group will start again too bi-weekly this week, alternating with the confirmation group. Music: The Choral Scholars are now singing the mass and an anthem each Sunday at 10am. Adult and junior choir practices have restarted. The churchwardens were sworn in on 4th October, and an informal congregational meeting was held afterwards. Barnes Fund is commissioning a needs-analysis on the underlying needs of the community in Barnes, and CTiB will be contributing to this. James has gathered a small group to look at our response to BLM issues in the context of our MAP objective of enhancing our welcome as a church. Dates: 17 October 1pm - Martin Calderbank will be ordained priest. 18 October 10am - guest preacher from Christian Solidarity Worldwide 18 October 6pm - Friends' Choral Evensong. All free tickets were 'sold out' 25 October 6pm - Confirmation at St Michael's by Bishop Christopher. Five teenagers and one adult are being prepared for confirmation. 1 November - All Saints (All age, no Sunday club) and All Souls (also ticketed) 8 November - Remembrance. There will be a shortened 10am Parish Eucharist followed by a service outside. This will include a small group from Barnes Concert Band. We will provide clear marking and additional stewarding to ensure social distancing. 15 November - Micky Forster from FiSH will speak at the Parish Eucharist 22 November 10am - Judith Roberts will preside and preach while James preaches at St Michaels 29 November 10am - Advent Sunday (All age, no Sunday Club); 4pm CTiB Advent service at St Michael's 6 December 10am - Martin Calderbank to preside at the Parish Eucharist 13 December 4pm - Christingle	

	Plans for a Covid-safe Christmas are in progress. James is looking for a better Nativity crib.	
5	<p>MAP update</p> <p>Environment Group: A group has been formed to champion our environmental work by;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - leading an audit of our practices as a church; - recommending where we could prioritise environmental improvements; - leading the implementation of an agreed strategy. <p>Sarah & Steve Cox, Cathy Putz, Sue Mackworth-Praed, Annie Sullivan and Fouki Heller have agreed to join the group. A sub-group of Peter Boyling, Phil Bladen and William Heller will be looking at the issues relating to the church and hall buildings. It would be good to involve the Youth Group. Welcome and Inclusivity Group has met and had a good discussion.</p>	
6	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3rd quarter accounts <p>Our results for the year to date are dominated by the receipt of £28,352 - our share of accrued rents from Boileau Road. This has meant that at 9 months, we are still showing a small surplus of £4,606 in the General Fund. Receipts from weddings and funerals, church hire and from events, notably the bike sale, are much reduced.</p> <p>The Charity Ball produced an original surplus of £33,000, augmented by a subsequent corporate charitable donation of £11,500, which now requires us to pay away another £11,500 – less than we had anticipated. So we still have funds to handle planned expenditure in 2021.</p> <p>The Kitson Hall position has been helped by government subsidy, and an absence of revenue has been countered by a lack of expenses, notably cleaning. There is currently a useful surplus of £15,174, but it is anticipated to be much reduced by year-end. The Youth Fund has reduced by some £6,000, but was greatly helped by more government subsidy, and has funding still for roughly 18 months.</p> <p>The Treasurer was thanked for all his work.</p> <p>2021 budget – postponed until November meeting</p> <p>Boileau Road update.</p> <p>Since the last meeting, the Financial Strategy Group has met. The group was content with the decision to sell the property. There was considerable discussion about how sale proceeds would then be invested - in investments or in another property. This is an important but separate decision from the sale of the house itself. A further meeting of the FSG will be held and the investment decision will be a separate one for the PCC to make in due course. This will include further clarification from the Diocesan Registry of any restrictions on how the proceeds can be invested. Notice to the current tenants can be given in January 2021 - 6 months notice is required under new coronavirus regulations. So the property would not be available to put on the market until after July 2021. Steve Cox pointed out that the stamp duty holiday will cease at the end of March, and therefore it was agreed to investigate whether the tenants wish to make an offer, or if the property can be marketed with sitting tenants.</p> <p>Decision: PCC agreed to the sale of 52 Boileau Road as part of a decision of the Barnes Team Council to do the same, and instructed the Rector and Standing Committee to implement this decision with the diocese and other relevant parties.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legacy policy: James had circulated the proposed text encouraging people to leave a legacy to St Mary's in their will. This was based on a Church of England template, slightly adapted to encourage people to leave the legacy for general purposes. The Council all voted in favour of adopting this as a policy. - Salaries review – postponed until November meeting 	
7	<p>Fabric Committee issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quinquennial inspection has been undertaken and the report is expected by end of October. <p>Hoare Memorial: Before the formal application for the faculty can be submitted, announcements must be made in the community and in the Council etc.</p>	PBo
8	<p>Safeguarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 64 members of St Marys have been DBS-checked. 8 are currently going through the process of applying for a new DBS. 38 members have attended some training. - Lis is preparing guidance for Daily Friends. The Church of England advice is they should be encouraged not to be alone in the church. If they still wish to be alone, they may be asked to sign or acknowledge that it is at their own risk. Paul thought we should state this in a positive way, encouraging coming in pairs. The Saturday rota should be included. - The sidesmen should also be DBS-checked. Lis and Natasha are always happy to help with the procedure. Safeguarding training should also be done as well as DBS checks. - The risk assessments are progressing steadily. - The PCC approved and endorsed a template for reporting safeguarding events. The forms will be stored securely with the risk assessments. 	Lis
9	<p>Complaints, grievance and disciplinary procedures</p> <p>Judy will review the policies to ensure that they are complementary and use the same terminology.</p>	Judy
10	<p>AOB</p> <p>James was asked about the next steps following the community consultation. Barnes Fund is commissioning a needs-analysis involving a variety of agencies within the community. James is keen that the churches provide the pastoral support to the community.</p>	

Rector closed the meeting with prayer at 19.15

Items in **bold** contain items for decision. Those not bold are for information/discussion only.

Dates of future PCC meetings:

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