

Barnes Team Ministry

The Parish Church of St Mary Barnes

A meeting of the Parochial Church Council was held on Monday 11 July 2016 at The Rectory, by kind invitation of the Rector and JulieAnn.

MINUTES

The meeting started with a reflection led by Phil Bladen, suggesting that there are many different forms of worship; some enable other people to fulfil their calling and to see God. To reflect regularly on thankfulness, sorrow and hope is a good basis for meditation.

The next meditation/reflection will be led by Geoffrey Barnett.

Present: The Rector, Revd Ann Lynes, Patrick Findlater, Christine Butenuth, Peter Boyling, Rachel Skilbeck, Patty Darke, Sue Boyd, Phil Bladen, Tom Ridley, Anne White, Paul Phillips, William Heller, Paul Teverson, Judy Gowing.
Peter Siddall was in attendance to lead the discussion on the Mission Action Plan.

1. Apologies – Geoffrey Barnett, Annie Sullivan
2. Designation of other business – see item 11.
3. The minutes of PCC meeting on 24 May were signed as a true record.
4. Matters arising – none.
5. Finance
 - o Parish Support FundWe are asked by the Diocese of Southwark to put forward a pledge for 2017. Our pledge for 2016 was £167,000.

The Treasurer estimates an income from congregational giving of £175,000 in 2017. After deducting our non-Parish Share expenses, he hopes that the amount available from congregational giving will be £115,000. From Kitson Hall and church lettings, he feels we could safely pledge a net £30,000. Weddings, funerals & baptisms usually bring in around £9,000. He estimates we can expect around £12,000 from events. The Diocese suggests that we should pledge 3% on cash reserves, but we can only afford to offer £1,000. There is a variety of smaller items to be included totalling £2,000.

Based on these figures, on a proposal by Patrick seconded by Peter Boyling, it was agreed that our offered Parish Share for next year should rise by around 1% to £169,000. All the Council were in favour.

- o Accounts: Patrick talked us through the 6 monthly accounts and concluded that currently we are slightly below budget.
6. New website is now fully functioning but needs a few minor adjustments. The Rector requested copies of any photographs that could be added.
 7. Past and Forthcoming Events
 - o Baroque concert was a great success.
 - o BBQ was a lovely event. Charlie Auton and the Sunday Clubs did a great job organising children's activities.

- Barnes Fair was a huge success attracting lots of people into the church and churchyard, with a large number of people getting involved. Castelnau Community Centre enjoyed having a presence in the churchyard.
- Patronal Festival – 11 September
- Harvest Festival – 2 October
- Christmas Fair – 12 November
- Carol Service - to be confirmed

8. Reports from committees

Fabric committee – all projects previously approved are going ahead.

- Lighting project: Phil reported that the DAC was content in principle with our proposals. He recommended the Council to apply for a faculty on the basis of the budget approved at the previous meeting. On a proposal from Phil Bladen, seconded by Paul Teverson, the Council resolved unanimously to apply for a faculty from the Diocese to improve the lighting system in the church, accepting (a) the quotation from the designer Light Bureau at a fee of £14,000 without VAT; (b) Light Bureau's recommended contractors, J Brand Electrical to install the equipment, Mike Stoane Ltd to supply equipment, and Control Lighting to supply the control equipment, at a total cost of £61,000 without VAT; (c) provision of a contingency of £3000; and noting that VAT should be recoverable from the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme.
- Kitson Hall
The Hall occupancy is continually increasing. Two new domestic boilers were installed in early June. A new signboard with the words "ST MARY'S CHURCH KITSON HALL" visible from Kitson Road has recently been erected on the front elevation under the canopy. The frontage (excluding the beige coloured brickwork) has recently been repainted. Work on removing moss from the roof (including treatment against reinfestation) has finally been completed. Barnes Community Players are still planning to install a new internally wired bar on the second roof truss from the stage, some new sockets and a new consumer unit, all to improve stage lighting. William and Cheryl were thanked for their work.
- Deanery Synod. A presentation by Erin Gilmor, Youth Minister at Holy Trinity Church Richmond, and Charlie Auton, Youth and Children's Worker at St Mary Barnes, detailed the role of the church in engaging with children and young people.

9. Mission Action Plan. Five years on from the launch of St Mary's Today and Tomorrow, Richard was keen to review the progress and development of the strategy and had invited Peter Siddall to help with the review starting with discussions at the Away Day in September. Council members should come to the Away Day having re-read and considered the Today and Tomorrow document which contains the vision and outline of the work of each of the groups, and to have ideas as to how we move forward in a reviewed strategy. Peter reminded us how much we had achieved in the past 5 years. Each group outlined their review so far.
- Outreach group had surveyed the congregation recently to find out whether they felt informed about the nominated charities. It would be good to re-invigorate the group, but the PCC would need some new enthusiastic people to champion each of the charities.
- Hospitality: There isn't actually a group running the hospitality but events were catered on an ad hoc basis. The lunches/dinners were a new initiative which were well received but haven't been repeated. This area needs more co-ordination and forward planning.

Learning: The group acknowledged how much is already going on. They need to work on making each of the activities more accessible and look at how to encourage and nurture the children and young people after the Sunday clubs. A comment suggested that the lectures should be recorded and offered on the website as a podcast. That would need a working group and people offering to make it happen.

Pastoral: There are many encouraging things but with gaps. Annie's notes will follow.

Worship: The group is continually looking to keep our worship fresh.

The Rector emphasised the importance of attending the Away Day. Peter Siddall urged us to think more widely about the activities and not be constrained by the current groups. There are many overlaps and inter-connections.

"What is the big wrapper that God wants to see here?"

10. Scholars' Fund: to be discussed at the next meeting.

11. Any other business:

- Tom suggested a visitors' book. He will investigate and discuss with Maisie Brown.
- An ordinand – Martin Calderbank – will be based at St Mary's for the three year duration of his training, starting in September. It is expected that he will be a great asset to St Mary's.
- Anne White suggested that the pewsheets should contain a small educational paragraph. The format of the pewsheets is currently under review. Members are encouraged to pick up pewsheets from other churches on their summer travels.

12. Dates of future meetings

Saturday 24 September (PCC Away Day)

25 October;

22 November (NOTE NEW DATE)

The meeting closed with the Grace at 22.00.

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