

Barnes Team Ministry
The Parish Church of St Mary Barnes

A meeting of the PCC took place in the Ellerton Room at 7.50 pm
on Tuesday 4 February 2020

MINUTES

1. Present: Revd James Hutchings, Phil Bladen, Fouki Heller, Steve Cox, William Heller, Sue Mackworth-Praed, Cate Summers, Annie Sullivan, Peter Boyling, Michael Murison, Jo Frazer, Christabel Gairdner, Joan Wheeler-Bennett, Patrick Findlater, Rachel Skilbeck, Paul Teverson and Judy Gowing. Apologies were received from Cathy Putz and (later) Lis Munden.
2. Approval of the minutes of November meeting were signed as an accurate record.
3. Matters arising
 - Four candidates for the Youth Worker role will be interviewed on Sunday, 9 February, all for a part-time position.
 - The extended Church opening times are working well and people have come in from time to time to enjoy some quiet space.
 - Hoare Memorial. Full details should be available at the next meeting.
 - William Heller is standing down from the Fashion Show committee. Richard Nickels has replaced him. If a member of the PCC would like to join the Committee too, please contact Patrick.
4. Stewardship
There will be a review of stewardship in the context of faith, in Lent.
5. Finance
2019 accounts. The accounts are reasonably healthy, largely due to three elements: the gain in the CCLA investment of nearly £13,000, the £10,000 grant from an anonymous donor and bumper net earnings from the Kitson Hall (almost £30,000).

General Fund: overall organised giving was almost exactly the same as the previous year, but £4,000 less than budgeted. In 2020 we have pledged a increase in our Parish Share. There was also a notable fall in loose plate giving. To offset this there was a large increase in our income from events. Expenses were generally well-controlled.

The Friends Fund has accumulated a surplus of nearly £48,000. Funds available should cover any foreseeable capital projects.

The Bells Fund continues to accumulate funds for the acquisition of new equipment: £8,807 is now available.

Kitson Hall has recorded the best yet annual income. Expenses on renovations were modest. Our current policy is to transfer any surplus

not needed for the Kitson Hall Reserve Fund to another fund. William Heller proposed that the surplus from the Kitson Hall fund should be transferred to the Youth Worker fund, meaning that we have funds for 18 months. Steve Cox seconded the motion and it was agreed unanimously.

Staff salaries

The Treasurer proposed that staff salaries (for Cheryl and Henry) be increased by 2.3%. The proposal was seconded by Michael Murison and agreed unanimously.

Charitable donations: The Treasurer proposed that half the surplus from the Christmas Fair and sale of cards (£2,600) should be given to charity. Fouki Heller seconded the proposal and all were in favour.

The balance from CAF Platinum account has now been transferred to a Shawbrook account, recommended by CAF. The Treasurer was thanked for his work.

6. Safeguarding: The diocese has asked all churches to review their past safeguarding cases. Members were asked to inform James if they know of any previous cases.
Despite a ban preventing him from going to any churches in the deanery, one person has reappeared. Members were advised to call 999 in case of a nuisance.
It was suggested that the PCC hear about progress with the safeguarding risk assessments sought for events in church.
7. Lent and Easter. A leaflet has been produced about Lent and Easter.
8. Under Tree Schools. Peter Boyling reported that UTS had been experiencing financial management difficulties. The Charity Commission had opened an inquiry. Meanwhile remedial action had been taken. Most trustees had resigned and been replaced by Geoffrey Barnett, Ron Sullam and Peter Boyling. Helen Chauncy (from Harlesden) was the fourth trustee. The PCC expressed continued confidence in the charity. Peter was thanked heartily for all his hard work.
9. Reports from committees
Fabric: Lych Gate, boundary wall and edging to the churchyard path need repair. A fire risk assessment is being addressed. If PCC members are aware of any issue, please tell Peter.
Kitson Hall: There was noise complaint from neighbours after a Christening party. There is a meeting with the neighbours soon. Building works at 2 Kitson Road are progressing. The Ark Nursery has requested use the Large Hall for a couple of hours/week. Fire risk assessment is being done. William estimated that there might be expenditure of around £10,000 fire-proofing the doors etc. Cheryl was thanked for all her work on the lettings and maintenance which brings in such good income.

The Friends: The Charity Ball, the Music Festival, an event to promote a new Richard Harries book and the Fashion Show are all in planning. Communications Group continues to meet regularly. They have recently looked at improvements to outside notice boards. Sarah Cleverly has been doing good work posting regularly on Instagram. Deanery Synod. The current Synod has now met for the last time and members were encouraged to think about joining. The Synod meets 3-4 times annually in a different church each time and discusses some interesting topics.

10. AOB

PCC members who are due to retire in April were asked to consider continuing.

We have been given a grant of £1000 to buy new bibles (including some children's' bibles)

Following on from the sermon and presentation by Canon Jay Colwill on Sunday, 2 February, James circulated a leaflet on MAP – A 'how to' Guide. When the new PCC is in place, we'll discuss what we should do with our Mission Action Plan.

A letter has been received from *Bats In Church*, thanking St Mary's for allowing them to undertake a bat survey. No evidence of bats was found.

Start group: there are six people taking part, along with the hosting team. It is nicely balanced group, with plenty of discussion, ably facilitated by James.

The meeting closed with Compline

PCC dates for 2020

PCC: 17 March
ACPM: 30 April
PCC: 19 May
PCC: 14 July
Away day 26 Sept
PCC: 20 Oct
PCC: 24 Nov