



Barnes Team Ministry

A meeting of the PCC took place on Zoom at 6.30 pm on 9 June 2020

MINUTES

1.	Apologies for absence were received from Jo Fraser, Cathy Putz, Cate Summers, and Rachel Skilbeck and Joan Wheeler-Bennett.	
2	The minutes of April meeting of the PCC were signed as correct.	
3	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>- Boileau Road update.</p> <p>We have new tenants on 12-month lease. Holy Trinity is insistent that they want to take their equity out. James is consulting the Diocese on the best way forward. It appears to be uncertain whether having a property is a pre-requisite for getting a curate. James has applied for a curate, who would start in June/July 2021. One option might be to seek an 'angel' who might loan £300k to enable us to repay HTB.</p> <p>Legal issues need to be investigated.</p> <p>There is ca £40,000 in the Team Ministry account, representing the surpluses from rentals. Our share is 70%, so we will receive ca £28,000.</p> <p>Steve suggested that we consider the pros and cons of selling the property and rent for future curates. This would allow us to repay HTB and still have cash in the bank. Patrick, Michael, Steve and Phil will form a sub-committee to report back to PCC. Paul suggested that we should investigate the options but not at a disadvantageous rate as is likely in current situation.</p>	PBI, MM, SC, PF
4	<p>Standing committee minutes of 26 May</p> <p>The Standing Committee recommends increasing the church hire rates which have been unchanged for past 9 years. Once full use of the church and hall are allowed again, the hire rates will be £250 for charities and £350 for others. All PCC members approved the proposal.</p>	
5	<p>What can the church learn for the future from lockdown?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * how has the lockdown affected my faith, and sense of being part of the church? * what are the good things the church can learn from this period, for the future? * what needs should the church address in the congregation and wider community? <p>Virtual church and pastoral contacts have been great boon and should continue. There will be a huge need for reflection after lock-down. There has been a lot of trauma for some people.</p> <p>Virtual church has enabled us to connect not only with our church members but also with the wider Barnes community. The numbers in the virtual congregations have been good.</p> <p>Online study class gave a structure and focus.</p> <p>James was thanked for continuing Morning Prayer, and weekly Eucharists.</p> <p>Is there a way we can follow up on people who have been accessing virtual</p>	

	<p>church?</p> <p>Quite a few people have been disillusioned by how the Church has handled the lock-down and may not return afterwards.</p> <p>Sue reported that when gardening lots of people have leant over the wall and were pleased to see activity in the churchyard.</p> <p>Lots of thanks to James for 'holding the whole ship together'.</p> <p>This has given the church the opportunity to contribute to the debate about Black Lives Matter and the importance of various people in society.</p> <p>Many people miss the face to face contact.</p> <p>On-line presence should continue even when we are back in church in numbers.</p> <p>Virtual church allows flexibility for people to tune in the services when it suits them.</p> <p>James and our church administration have risen admirably to the challenge with our online offering which has been essential to maintain the loving support of the church family</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - given the ongoing Covid restrictions and the demographic of our congregation we may wish to continue offering some services eg morning prayer digitally instead of in the church, even after partial reopening. It also offers welcome flexibility as to when exactly you tune in to the service - Lockdown has helped my faith, by forcing me to slowdown and be creative about using the church's digital resources to bring new structure to my day. <p>The space this has created has allowed for quiet time with God and learning to trust more deeply in extremis. Genuine trust is hard to achieve, and can only be won on a day by day basis, with the loving support of our church family</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (question 3): the inequalities in our immediate society are even more acute than before. It is essential we address this by bearing witness to God's goodness and the possibility of trusting that, even when faced with extreme hardship. There is scope to build more community connection, offering support and coaching on mental health and wellbeing, by offering this more explicitly to our church networks. Maybe we need a directory of skills/ useful experience that would give us a structure for sharing our experiences and learnings more widely? <p>James expressed gratitude for the support he has been given and that while he has been the figure-head, it has been a team effort.</p>	
6	<p>Rector's report The church will re-open on Monday 15 June for private prayer. James has had a good response to his plea for extra daily friends. The church has been prepared as well as possible.</p> <p>We have bought a new digital recording equipment which will enable us to record and broadcast the services in a more professional way, eg editing hymns and intercessions into the main recording. Paul asked if it would be possible to have the sermon separately, as well as integrated.</p>	
7	<p>Finance</p> <p>Patrick's estimate at the last meeting that we would be losing approx. £10,000/month is roughly being born out. The nursery school at Kitson Hall re-started on 1st June. We are being very careful <u>not</u> to involve Cheryl, and all matters relating to the Hall are being handled by William. This will yield a very small surplus in income for the rest of the six months. The choral scholars have been paid for the last term but of course will not be paid again until our music resumes again. A number of regular donors to the envelope scheme have switched to monthly standing orders, so that donations through that channel are now roughly 7% higher than last year. We have also had some generous once-only payments, some from people who are not regular members of the congregation.</p> <p>Patrick thanked for all his work.</p>	

8	<p>Fabric Committee issues</p> <p>Regular fire checks have been carried out. There will be changes to both Hall and church systems to upgrade them. The lightning conductor has also been checked and given all clear.</p> <p>It is hoped that the quinquennial survey of the church will be able to continue without significant delay.</p>	
9	<p>Safeguarding</p> <p>Safety of the Daily Friends is an ongoing issue. Lis will draft some notes for the Daily Friends on how to handle a threatening situation. James has asked them to confirm that they are content to be working alone.</p>	LM
10	<p>Communications group</p> <p>Sarah and Steve have done a wonderful job of putting the archives online and were thanked.</p>	
11	<p>Deanery Synod</p> <p>There was a discussion about how different churches had adapted to the lockdown.</p>	
12	<p>Correspondence - none</p>	
	<p>AOB</p> <p>Closed with the Grace at 7.50pm</p>	

PCC dates:

14 July,
22 Sep (not 20 Oct)
APCM: 22 October 7.30pm
24 Nov
Away day date? - a Saturday in January - 16/23/30