

Barnes Team Ministry  
The Parish Church of St Mary Barnes

A meeting of the PCC took place on Tuesday 17 October 2017 at 8pm at the church

MINUTES

The meeting began with a short reflection on Silence, led by Judy Gowing.

1.	Present: The Rector, Phil Bladen, Paul Teverson, Peter Boyling, Patrick Findlater, Anne White, Geoffrey Barnett, Rachel Skilbeck, Christine Butenuth, Lis Munden, Jo Fraser, Cathy Putz, Jimmy May, Michael Murison and Judy Gowing. Apologies were received from William Heller, Annie Sullivan, Paul Phillips, Tom Ridley	
2.	Minutes of meeting on 11 July were signed as a true record.	
3.	Matters arising: The Charity Commission website is now up to date with all the Trustee details. Peter Boyling reported on progress of the new database. New EU legislation stipulates that from next May our database may include only people who have given a positive approval that they are included. A lot of preparatory work is taking place to dovetail the new database with the new regulation. Judy Gowing is the new Data Protection Officer. Safeguarding. A number of PCC members took part in a training evening. All PCC members now have to be DBS-checked and also need to complete the Church of England Confidential Declaration Form. Lis Munden volunteered to be a second Safeguarding Officer to work alongside Natasha Mold. Lis will get list of safeguarding training dates from Natasha, and circulate them to PCC members who have not yet been trained. A Listening course was suggested. Roughly half the PCC would be interested. The safeguarding page on the website can now be updated. Concern had been raised about safety of the Daily Friends (usually working individually); the Fabric Committee will investigate. The Council discussed a draft of the updated Safeguarding Policy. "and Vulnerable Adults" should be added to the title. Item 3c) should be reviewed and made more specific. The draft will be revised and returned to the PCC at the next meeting.	LM  NM to draft  PBo  RS/PBo/ NM/LM  JG
4.	Richard reported on his second trip to Zimbabwe, in the role of Chair of the Zimbabwe Link Committee for the Kingston Area.	
5	Finance The recent Stewardship campaign has resulted in 14 new standing order commitments and 13 increased commitments, which with Gift Aid total £16,000 per year. In addition, there have been two major once-only donations and one increased contribution to the Youth Fund. 2017 first nine months: General Fund income is ahead of budget and expenses are down on both budget and last year, so there is a surplus of £7,000 against a budgeted £10,000 deficit. The increased cash plate is due to a number of funeral collections.	
6	Mission Action Plan revision. The PCC approved the revised document. It will be printed and circulated to the congregation. Marriage Preparation Team needs to recruit more couples to lead their sessions. The Rector encouraged all members of PCC to attach	

	themselves to one or more MAP groups. Lis expressed an interest in doing some further training prior to joining the Pastoral Group. Cathy has joined the Welcome Group; Jimmy offered to join the Faith in Action group.	
7	Welcome Team. The PCC now all have badges in the Sidesmen's drawer. Members should all be on the lookout for newcomers and make them welcome. Anne highlighted the need for more welcomers for the 11.30 service, especially when there is a baptism. She volunteered to stay until the beginning of the next service until a larger team is in place.	
8	Environment Audit. Paul Teverson and Tom Ridley are due to meet with a view to this being discussed at the January PCC meeting.	TR/PT
9	Fabric issues The Memorial Window has now been created and we are moving towards installation. Michael undertook to follow up shortly. The quotes for the damp in the tower were much higher than anticipated. The Church Architect has been asked to investigate further. Lighting for the path between church and Kitson Hall will be installed shortly.	
10	Report on recent and upcoming events. The Rector apologised for having to cancel the PCC Away Day. Harvest Festival and Lunch were a great celebration. The Harries/Brandreth debate on happiness attracted a full church. Charity Fashion Show was a lot of work for a few people within and outside St Mary's but was hugely successful. Richard emphasised that these events are part of the ministry of the church, reaching out into the community. Friends Evensong, Henry Chandler's first major event as Director of Music, was a great success. Preparations are ongoing for Christmas Fair, All Souls and Remembrance Sunday. Another friendly lunch is planned for 19 November.	
11	Deanery Synod report Judy Gowing reported that Deanery Synod had taken place at St Mary's on 16 October. Members had previously been informed of the untimely death of Revd Trevor Patterson, vicar of Holy Trinity Richmond and Area Dean for Richmond and Barnes Deanery. Andrew Brown, secretary of the Charity Commissioners, addressed the synod. All the pledges for the Parish Shares have been submitted and there is a slight increase on last year but not quite at the level the Diocese had hoped. Glasdoor (formerly West London Churches Homeless Concern) have been able to expand their services and, from January-April 2018, a group of homeless people will be accommodated every night, rather than just on Saturday nights.	
11	Correspondence. The Rector has received a very grateful letter from the BCA in response to a donation of £100 to reflect the BCA's help on Barnes Fair Day.	
12	AOB - none	

Dates of next meetings:

14 November, 23 January, 13 March

APCM: 26 April

The meeting closed with the Grace at 21.48.