

Barnes Team Ministry
The Parish Church of St Mary Barnes

A meeting of the Parochial Church Council took place on Tuesday 16 October at St Mary's at 7.50pm

MINUTES

1. Cathy Putz opened the meeting with a reflection from Julian Norwich from 'All will be well'.	
2. Present: Peter Boyling, Phil Bladen, Fouki Heller, Geoffrey Barnett, Jo Fraser, Rachel Skilbeck, Sue Mackworth-Praed, William Heller, Cathy Putz, Paul Teverson, Michael Murison, Patrick Findlater and Lis Munden In attendance: Hayley Argles-Grant , Charlie Auton Apologies were received from Judy Gowing, Tom Ridley, and Annie Sullivan.	
3. The minutes of the July and September PCC meetings were signed as a true record.	
<p>4. Children and Young People – presentation by Charlie Auton and discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and young people are a priority, as the PCC decided at the recent Away Day; and they had invited Charlie to attend this meeting to speak about engagement at present with these three areas and strategy for the future. • (1) St Mary's Minis – Began two years ago, with an informal invite via email to approximately 40 baptism families to keep in contact with St Mary's, with the hope of further involvement including attending the Family Service. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Turns out that it is more often nannies that are bringing the children so the connection with parents is not happening as had hoped but there is still value in having those that attend. ○ There is a short bible story told and children play. ○ 12-15 adults turn up with children each week. ○ Minis takes place in Kitson Hall at 10am on Thursday. ○ Children generally stop attending at nursery age (3 years). <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Michael's has a very popular 'Nursery Playgroup' that meets the 1st Saturday morning of each month, one-hour play with little ones can allow working mums to attend as well. Fr Stephen tells a story and the children play, mums have coffee and chat. • Charlie is hoping for some help from the congregation, to assist with making coffee, helping setup and tidy so that he can focus on story and speaking with others. It is fine if offers of help are irregular. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (2) Sunday Buzz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3-8 years ○ Leaders are parents (mums) who have met JulieAnn and Charlie and are given materials to lead on Sunday morning (bible reading, craft and snack). ○ These are well attended each Sunday. ○ There is a need to increase the number of helpers as the rota is not always adequately filled. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (3)#Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 8/9 – 11years ○ Works similar to above group, but more discussion is possible. • Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Charlie said he is hoping to get more volunteers, possibly not directly interacting with children. • Final thoughts and plan during interregnum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Leaders met JulieAnn and key focus was that children’s leaders be proactive in meeting those new to the church. ○ Example of how JulieAnn would go out of her way to spot new families and tell them about all the children’s activities, where to go etc. ○ Sunday morning clubs also struggle to fill weekly rota. ○ It was suggested that a mission statement about children be published in pewsheet so that parents have a better understanding of all the children’s activities that are available. ○ Charlie wants to ensure that children continue to feedback at end of 10am service – for children and congregation’s benefit. 	WHO?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (4) BYG (KS3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Has met more irregularly recently as it is hard to get helpers. ○ Charlie met Diocesan Safeguarding Officer to ask if it was within safeguarding parameters for him to meet a few BYGers at a coffee shop for informal chats and was told yes if numbers kept small. ○ Goal is to have one bigger activity (eg Clip n’Climb) per term. ○ Charlie has ideas when new vicar starts on how to reach out to more in this age group. Discussion – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concern voiced that we don’t want to lose this group. ○ Might someone doing a Duke of Edinburgh award (would be 18 years old) help? ○ Look into getting a few churches to work together – critical mass helps and kids like to know they’ll see others. Create a ‘sense of belonging’ and they’ll come. ○ St Margaret’s has a 12-14 year old group, about 8 involved. ○ Student-led service (10am or 6pm)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Charlie thinks a service would need to be something that the students could plan and perform. Not something that is prepared that they listen to. ▪ One a term ideally. ▪ Charlie will report back and is interested. 	Charlie
<p>Overall – The PCC agreed that we need to support Charlie, including with enough volunteers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Option on a Sunday morning to have some potential volunteers watch a bit of a children’s club to see if they can help. ○ We need to advertise that there is a need for help. ○ PCC voiced praise for the work Charlie is doing and look forward to Charlie’s strategy of growth as it is in line with PCC discussions. ○ Churchwardens will follow-up with Charlie to put some of these ideas into a plan; Paul T to join. Others are welcome. 	CWs

<p>5. Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patrick noted that he would have a clear position statement on the finances in November; 2019 budget to come then. However he thought there were no great worries. Overall giving up 4% No major expenditure deviances other than for music Friends Fund – now at 26K. There was no scope for a capital project 	Patrick
<p>6. Interregnum Follow-up on 14 October congregational meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter thanked all who made the Away Day and Sunday’s meeting. Parish Profile draft is underway, please review in advance of PCC meeting with feedback early enough to be incorporated into revision before 13th of November meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phil and Fouki were impressed with documents sent by PCC members from Sunday’s congregation meeting and think they will be very useful in drafting the Parish Profile. In drafting the parish profile we need to be careful that we are not advertising for the perfect person, but rather be clear on what we want and how we say it. PCC to receive the Parish Profile draft by 1st Nov.; there will then be a few days for comments, and redrafting before a decision by the PCC on the text. The PCC would then be invited a buffet lunch on Saturday 2 March, to meet the shortlist of candidates who would be visiting the parish informally. PCC members would be invited to let the St Mary’s reps on the Patronage Board have any comments they wanted to make. Peter suggested we should take forward key specific actions identified by the PCC and the congregational meeting. He asked MAP groups and corresponding congregational meeting teams to meet in the next month to recommend to the next PCC which actions could be started in the near future, and what should be left for the longer term. Be specific - who, how, when etc. in a practical way of moving forward. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PCC will report back to the congregation in January on what changes are being implemented and how they can help support. <p>Appointment of the two St Mary’s reps on the Patronage Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PCC needs to make these appointments. The churchwardens have volunteered to take the roles. A suggestion was raised whether some in the congregation would favour having a younger person as a representative, rather than those closely involved in the current management team. It was stressed that this was not a personal criticism of the current churchwardens. Commenting on this it was suggested that it might be very difficult to find someone outside the leadership team who had the necessary detailed knowledge of all parts of the church or the time to understand all aspects of St Mary’s life and needs. 	<p>MAP groups</p> <p>ALL</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The St Mary's two reps will have a veto over an appointment of a vicar. • The experience and skills of the wardens were noted and welcomed. • On a proposal of Geoffrey that the churchwardens be the two representatives the PCC voted in favour, with one abstention. • Phil and Fouki undertook to keep the PCC informed as we move forward. 	CWs
<p>7. Reports on Events & Upcoming Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Fair (17 Nov) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kate Cowell and Philippa Purser need help with Silent Auction items (and will request in pew sheet) • The Lion, Witch and Wardrobe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We need to help promote; they also need some volunteers as fire stewards (5 or 6 volunteers are needed). • Fashion Show <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Income has performed well; bills are still coming in. ○ Should be a surplus of about £10K with half going to charity. • Barnes Music Festival <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The schedule has been set and flyers were dispersed to PCC members. 	All
<p>8. Parish Architect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Martin has been appointed as our new Parish Architect. He will visit the church shortly to offer advice on urgent issues. 	
<p>9. Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of the congregation had written to the PCC to request that St Mary's return now to the traditional form of the Lord's Prayer. • PCC agreed that Peter should respond on their behalf. It is for the clergy to make changes to liturgy, and it was inappropriate for the PCC to try to take on that role in a vacancy. But the change in the wording of the Lords Prayer had been made after discussion with the then PCC and with their support. 	Peter
<p>The meeting was closed with the Grace at 22.00 exactly.</p>	