

Barnes Team Ministry  
The Parish Church of St Mary Barnes

**The minutes of the All Day meeting of the Parochial Church Council which was held on Saturday, 19 September 2015 at The Chaplaincy, Whitelands College, Roehampton.**

- 1) Present: The Rector, The Revd Ann Lynes, Peter Boyling, Phil Bladen, Paul Teverson, Sue Boyd, Patty Darke, Christabel Gairdner, Patrick Findlater, Christine Butenuth, Chris Hine, Annie Sullivan, Judy Gowing
- 2) Apologies were received from William Heller, Tom Ridley, Francesca Wisdom, Matthew Purser, Alison Collins, Emma Powell, Paul Phillips
- 3) The Rector welcomed and thanked everyone for coming, emphasising the importance of attending this one day a year.
- 4) Designation of other business – logo, lecture series, fabric issues.
- 5) The minutes of last meeting were signed as a true record and there were no matters arising.
- 6) Correspondence. Tim Marwood, Acting Archdeacon, has acknowledged receipt of our Parish Support Fund pledge. Phil Bladen told the PCC said that 80% of parishes had submitted their pledges and that the diocese was on course towards the desired target. Chris mentioned that one of the baptism applications had cited the welcoming atmosphere as a reason for choosing St Mary's for their son's baptism. It was suggested that testimonies should appear on the new website.
- 7) Update on financial picture  
In the first eight months of 2015 there has been a modest increase in giving compared with 2014. The Treasurer has been able to take something from Kitson Hall fund, and transfer a small surplus from 2015 Fund. Expenditure is nearly £5,000 lower because the Friends are covering all the utility bills. However there is likely still to be a deficit of £20,000. The cash plate donations are lower because more people are using the Gift Aid envelopes.
- 8) Youth & Children's worker. The Rector was delighted to announce that Charlie Auton had been appointed as our Youth and Children's Worker. He is a 29 year old, living locally, who has worked at Holy Trinity, Richmond and the Vineyard Church, Richmond. He has completed Youth Workers course and has worked as a Teaching Assistant at a local school. It is a joint appointment with St Margaret's Putney. He will start on 1 October. The salary will be £25,000 split between the two churches. We have already raised the funds to cover for two years. Thanks to JulieAnn Sewell, who has carried the administrative burden for Sunday Clubs up to now.
- 9) Our church; our challenges; our choices  
The leaflet has been designed by the Finance Review Group. There will be two Presentation Sundays (which started 20 September). The churchwardens will present to congregation in place of the sermon and show the Diocesan DVD about the Parish Support Fund. The Rector will preach on it on 27 September. The leaflet will be distributed with service sheets. A list of frequently asked questions has been printed. PCC

members need to be familiar with the contents and speak to members of the congregation after the services. Badges have been prepared to identify the PCC members. This campaign is necessary because less than 50% of the families who came to the presentation lunches responded with a pledge/donation. PCC needs to be unashamedly proactive and repeat the message regularly. The primary target is members of the core congregations who love St Mary's but currently do not give regularly. If 50 families increased their contribution by £25/month, this would raise 15,000.

10) Future PCC dates: 20 October, 17 November, 26 January, 15 March, Thurs 28 April (APCM). The next two meetings will be in church because the Ellerton Room has been booked.

11) Any other business:

- the new logo: The Rector showed three more variations. PCC liked the simplest version best without the embellishments.
- Lecture series: Christine Butenuth has suggested a series of fund-raising lectures starting with one about basements, planned for October. She asked whether she could use PayPal for ticket payments and what the ticket price should be. The PCC felt unable to sanction the series of lectures without more discussion. The BCA is offering a similar talk without payment. The second lecture was due to be Revd Ann Lynes speaking about ordination. She now feels that it would not be right to charge for such a talk. It was agreed to consider the proposed lecture series further.
- Fabric: Peter Boyling informed the PCC that the quinquennial inspection of the church by our new parish architect had been completed. His report congratulated the parish on the care shown for the building, and raised only a few minor points for action. In addition, improvements to the back path to the Hall had now been substantively completed. And following discussion in PCC at the last meeting about the memorial window, consultation with the congregation on the proposal will begin in mid-October.

After the coffee break, the Rector addressed the meeting about deepening faith, through prayer, reading and bible study. He recommended a book: Soul Making: The Desert Way of Spirituality by Alan Jones.

After a light lunch, Ann Lynes led a brainstorming session about deepening faith, asking what we had found useful in our own lives, how it had made a difference and what might work at St Mary's.

The meeting closed with the grace at 15.00.

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