



Barnes Team Ministry

A meeting of the PCC took place in the Ellerton Room at 6.00 pm on 1 February 2022

MINUTES

	<p>Present: Revd James Hutchings, Peter Boyling, Phil Bladen, Fouki Heller, Patrick Findlater, Judy Gowing, Sue Mackworth-Praed, Rachel Skilbeck, Michael Murison, Michael Ross-McCall, Annie Sullivan, Joan Wheeler-Bennett and Lis Munden</p> <p>Apologies were received from Paul Teverson, Cate Summers, William Heller, Cathy Putz and Steve Cox</p>
	<p>The Rector opened the meeting in prayer.</p>
2	<p>The minutes of 30 November meeting were approved as a true record.</p>
3	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>It was decided that action points from the Away Day on charitable giving should be discussed at the March meeting.</p> <p>Having discussed the wish to support an appeal for Afghanistan at the November meeting, we had raised £1,182.90 for Médecins sans Frontières over Christmas. See acknowledgement in Correspondence.</p>
4.	<p>Rector's report</p> <p>If members had any comments about Advent and/or Christmas, they are asked to pass them on to James or the wardens. It was agreed that the nativity scenes in church should stay up to Candlemas. We need to consider whether this should also apply to the outside scene too.</p> <p>Sr Margaret Ann and Henry Chandler will be leaving St Mary's soon. An advertisement for a replacement Director of Music will be circulated soon.</p> <p>COVID restrictions: James would like to restore use of the chalice soon but feels it is right to wait a little longer.</p> <p>Other ministry matters: It is encouraging to see several new young families have started attending. There were 30 at the Toddler Group this week. - James sought volunteers to help manage the sessions.</p> <p>Friends: Plans for the Music Festival are well advanced. There were comments that it might be better to avoid a clash with Lent, and perhaps run it in May (like 2021).</p> <p>- Resourcing Ministry</p> <p>Father Stephen Stavrou had written a paper about the possibility of St Mary's and St Michaels sharing an Associate Priest. Both churches will be losing a clergy member soon and both parishes will need help to continue to grow. The proposed arrangement will be on a 50/50 basis. All members were in support. A small subgroup would be formed to draw up the final details. Eventually the assistant priest could drive a larger congregation thus increasing income. This arrangement would be better than having a curate.</p> <p>Michael Ross-McCall asked if there was any support from the Diocese.</p>
5	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2021 accounts will be tabled at the March PCC. - Investment policy. The draft policy was amended slightly and approved unanimously, on a proposal from Patrick Findlater and seconded by Michael Murison. <p>Investment of Boileau Road proceeds: The proposal by Patrick to split our assets between 3 funds recommended by Ian Cowell was seconded by Michael Ross-McCall and approved unanimously by the Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reserves policy. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that a figure for reserves of three months expenditure could be reasonable. The standing committee was invited to review our needs along the lines recommended by the Church of England. Patrick suggested that the Kitson Hall reserve fund of £35000

	<p>should be maintained.</p> <p>- Fees for occasional offices. On a proposal from Patrick Findlater, seconded by Phil Bladen, the Council approved the small increases in fees unanimously. The bell ringers' fees had not increased for 10 years. Patrick was thanked for all his work.</p>
6	<p>Fabric Committee</p> <p>The removal and restoration of the gates of the lych gate had been quoted at £3,575. Members of the Council thought this was high and asked to see a second quote. Peter said that the parish architect recommended that the black paint should be removed from the gate because it retains moisture and damages the wood underneath. The quote for the gates includes removal of the paint from them, and Peter is seeking a quote for removing the paint from the superstructure. While the new oak of the restoration of the gates would initially look different, we were advised that all the oak would tend to a uniform grey over a few years. The further quotes would be put back to the PCC for decision.</p> <p>The fire alarm upgrade will be installed in the church at the end of March.</p> <p>The faculty for the Hoare Memorial has been now approved and it might be installed in June.</p> <p>The bell-tower clock needs more work at £3,500 which the Fabric Committee will be considering.</p> <p>The Trippett Bench outside the office door is now past repair. The Fabric Committee is looking for a replacement as well as an additional bench in the churchyard. A basic bench could be £350 but a curved one could be in the region of £2,200.</p> <p>The Nave seating is a long-term project, as is the provision of extra toilets, which would be beneficial for events.</p> <p>Peter and William were thanked for all their work.</p>
7	<p>Safeguarding & First Aid and Mental Health training</p> <p>Lis had received quotes from St John's Ambulance for running courses:</p> <p>Emergency First Aid for 8 people (4 hours) £1,500</p> <p>Mental Health: £1,400</p> <p>It is relatively cheaper for more people.</p> <p>The Standing Committee will look consider who needs to be trained and will report back to the March PCC. For events with more than 50 people, we should have 2 trained First Aiders. Less than 15 people, none needed.</p> <p>Natasha has a spreadsheet of when people need to update their training. A refresher course should be undertaken every 3 years.</p>
8	<p>Kitson Hall</p> <p>In William's absence, Peter reported on a recent Kitson Hall committee meeting.</p> <p>The termly fee for the Ark Nursery use of the small hall had been increased this term but will continue to be held below the pre-Covid rate, because they are getting fewer children at present.</p> <p>The wifi currently only available in the small hall for the nursery will be extended to cover the whole building. The nursery - which has hitherto paid the whole cost - has offered to continue to pay half the £660 per year charge.</p> <p>Improvements are needed to the Hall to reduce the cost of fuel. The Hall committee was grateful to Chris Tomlinson for his energetic work to develop plans and were very saddened to learn of his recent death. The committee will progress the work as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Insulating heating pipes and behind radiators, at a cost of about £600; Upgrading the heating controls Secondary double glazing for the windows would be considered further in due course- Insulation of the roof by attaching suitable material to the ceiling of the halls was a longer term item. <p>The fire alarm system upgrade has been installed.</p> <p>The Committee favoured agreeing to a bid for a small New Year's Eve party, at which headphones would be used late at night to avoid loud music affecting the neighbours.</p> <p>Fee increases were agreed as follows, to take effect from September:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> From £21 to £22.50 per hour for small hall regular users From £30 to £32 per hour for large hall regular users From £900 to £1000 for weddings From £225 to £260 per day for Pedal Power (£245 from the coming summer term). <p>They are seeking additional members of the committee to share the load.</p>

	Gross income from the Hall was £45k in 2021 (£31k in 2020). The financial surplus for 2021 from the Hall was £11k (2020 £10k) after substantial expenditure on fabric matters including the fire alarm system.
9	Letters of thanks had been received from Welcare, MSF and Southwark Diocese (for our increased contribution).
10	AOB Platinum Jubilee: initial thoughts are to have a tea party in the churchyard on Friday afternoon, and a CtiB Songs of Praise on Sunday at 6pm. Council members were asked to let James know of any other ideas.

Dates of future PCC meetings:

22 March; at 6.15pm PLEASE NOTE REVISED TIME

5 May (APCM) PLEASE NOTE REVISED DATE OF APCM