

PARISH OF SANDERSTEAD

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 23rd FEBRUARY 2016 AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Present: Canon Martin Greenfield (Chair for items 16/05-08 & 16/12-13), Nevile Henderson (Chair for items 16/01-04 & 16/09-11) , Rev Susan Atkinson-Jones, Fr Grant Cohen, David Chillman, Clive Christensen, Tim Crump, Janet Heath, Piers Hubbard, Rosemary Kempself, David Prothero, Julia Rider, Grant Shapland, Marc Smith, Susan Thomas, Richard Wragg, Chris Babbs (secretary)

Apologies: Rev Jeremy Groombridge, Bala Balanchandran, Peter Banks, Jeremy Dearden, Gill Hanson, Caroline Harper, Gerie Knights, Maria Linford, Gill Pates, Deborah Rastall, Mike Whittaker

16/01 OPENING READING AND PRAYER

Grant led us in a reading from Luke 24 and in prayer.

16/02 NOTICE OF AOB ITEMS

An issue had arisen about the polling station at All Saints' for the European Referendum, which it was proposed to deal with under Team Rector's Notices

16/03 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24/11/15 AND RECORD OF A "VIRTUAL" STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN DECEMBER 2015/JANUARY 2016

PCC noted that some typographical errors had been corrected and, on that basis, approved the minutes as a true record, and they were duly signed. PCC then endorsed the record of a "virtual" meeting on Standing Committee, held in December 2015/January 2016 to deal with the 1/1/16 pay review.

16/04 MATTERS ARISING

(A) WEBSITE (15/56-60)

A very useful PCC Mission Action Planning meeting had been held on 13/1/16, to set the direction for the development of the website in the light of PCC discussions. MAP would support Corrie Hibberd and Sophie Riches as necessary in the re-development work.

(B) PAROCHIAL FEES 2016 (15/63B)

In the event there had been nothing which required formal authorisation by Standing Committee on behalf of PCC, because All Saints' and St Mary's DCCs required no changes in the locally set rates. The Secretary had therefore issued information papers setting out the revised nationally set fees for weddings and funerals, together with the unchanged locally set rates.

16/05 TEAM RECTOR'S NOTICES

(A) OPPORTUNITY TO PRAY TOGETHER

Martin explained that a relatively short agenda would allow us the rare opportunity to pray together about the issues facing us.

(B) SANDERSTEAD FESTIVAL 18/6/16

Martin and Marc Smith, who was leading for All Saints' on the project, spoke to the paper which had been issued. Marc explained that Croydon Council was making funds available for the councillors in each ward to expend in the way they felt best benefited the area. After discussion of various ideas, it had been decided that a Festival would be the best option. It would have an arts focus, so as to complement, rather than compete with, the Gruffy Fair. It would take place in All Saints' church & halls, and on the Gruffy. All Saints' contribution would include a Flower Festival in the church and a performance by Sanderstead Bells. If other churches received any approaches about the Festival, it would be sensible to liaise with Marc, so that we had a coherent contribution from the parish.

(C) ALL SAINTS' POLLING STATION FOR REFERENDUM

Martin explained that All Saints' halls were normally used as a polling station. However, given the short notice of the European Referendum, they were already booked on 23rd June. It was proposed to offer the church building as an alternative. The archdeacon had confirmed that this was permissible under church law. PCC unanimously endorsed this approach.

16/06 PARISH REPORT & ACCOUNTS 2016

(A) REPORT

The Secretary reported that various minor errors had kindly been pointed out. Subject to correction of these, PCC unanimously endorsed the report for approval at APCM.

(B) ACCOUNTS

Tight timescales this year meant that it had not been possible to complete the accounts for this meeting. Accordingly it was proposed by Clive Christensen, seconded by Piers Hubbard, and agreed unanimously, that endorsement of the accounts for APCM should be devolved to Standing Committee.

16/07 PARISH TREASURER ROLE

(A) STATUTORY ROLE

It was a legal requirement for PCC to appoint a Treasurer, so we desperately needed someone to replace Clive Christensen who, as previously reported, needed to stand down. Otherwise we would have to employ an outside firm to do the work, at a cost of up to £3,000pa. A candidate needed to come forward for appointment at the May PCC.

(B) SALARY ADMINISTRATION

Clive also provided the payroll function for parish staff. A replacement arrangement needed to be in place for April salaries.

(C) WORKPLACE PENSIONS

Jeremy Dearden had kindly agreed to lead on the introduction of workplace pensions for eligible employees.

16/08 APCM FORMAT (17/4/16 AT ST EDMUND'S)

PCC endorsed the recommendation that APCM should be limited to the legally required business, with the emphasis placed on the Team Eucharist. Coffee would be served after the service, with people being invited to bring their cups to the meeting so as to have a prompt start.

16/09 PCC DATES 2016/17

It was explained that the reason for two dates in September being shown on the agenda was that the early September meeting in 2015 had fallen when many people were away so that attendance was poor. A meeting later in the month was therefore a possible alternative. PCC members were asked to indicate whether they would be available for each of the two possible dates (insofar as plans had crystallised for that far ahead). This straw poll produced precisely equal numbers for each option! It was decided that it would be a good idea to try the later September date. Therefore the dates agreed were:

- Wednesday 18/5/16 at All Saints'
- Thursday 22/9/16 at St Edmund's
- Tuesday 15/11/16 at St Antony's
- Wednesday 22/2/17 at St Mary's
- APCM Sunday 30/4/17 at All Saints'.

16/10 REPORTS ON MAJOR BUILDING/PROPERTY ISSUES

(A) ALL SAINTS'

- Work on re-roofing and repairing stonework would begin in September, with a target completion date of the end of the year.
- The DCC and the congregation were examining the options for re-ordering the interior of the church. Once the agreed option had been settled on, work was likely to begin in 2017.

(B) ST ANTONY'S

- There was quite a lot of refurbishment still to do.
- Whilst the acoustics were improved following installation of the stage curtains, there was more to do to make them satisfactory.
- A new cooker had been installed but need to be connected to the power supply.
- Improvements to the vestibule were being examined.
- Funds were available for these items, and various other minor works.

(C) ST EDMUND'S

- The severe leak in the roof of the William Goddard Room was being investigated by the church architect.

(D) ST MARY'S

- DCC had unanimously agreed to work with Turnbull Land on the project.
- A buildings committee had been appointed to liaise with the architect on the drawings. The third version of these was expected back in the next few days for DCC approval.
- The new hall would be joined to the church, which would encroach on a small area of land owned by the diocese. The next stage would therefore be to approach the diocese on the legal and financial issues involved. Thereafter the Diocesan Advisory Committee would be involved formally.
- The plan was for demolition of the hall to begin in August, with hirers moving into the church for the duration of the project.

16/11 DCC MINUTES AND SYNOD REPORT

PCC noted with approval the following minutes and report:

- All Saints' 20/1/16 & 11/2/16
- St Antony's 16/11/15 & 11/1/16
- St Edmund's 12/1/16
- St Mary' 5/1/16
- Deanery Synod 2/2/16 *[in the form of an initial draft of the minutes]*

16/12 PERIOD OF PRAYER TOGETHER

PCC then divided into groups to identify, and then pray about, issues concerning our Churches and our Mission for which we needed to give thanks to God or to offer petitions to Him.

16/13 GRACE AND CLOSE

There being no further business, the meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer and The Grace.

**APCM 17/4/16 AT ST EDMUND'S
NEXT MEETING 18/5/16 AT ALL SAINTS'**