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PARISH OF SANDERSTEAD

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 6th SEPTEMBER 2017

AT ST EDMUND'S CHURCH

Present: Rosemary Kempself (Chair), Rev Susan Atkinson-Jones, Rev Jeremy Groombridge, Tim Crump, Lynne Davison, Jeremy Dearden, Veronica de Grasse-Grant, Piers Hubbard, Gill Pates, Julia Rider, Michael Rowland, Barbara Webster-Dudley, Kevin Wright

Apologies: Fr Grant Cohen, Indrani Balachandran, Kim Brown, Clive Christensen, Linda Etheridge, Sylvia Keats, Maria Linford, Deborah Rastall, Marc Smith, Susan E Thomas, Richard Wragg

17/29 OPENING BIBLE READING & PRAYER

Gill Pates read Colossians 3 12-17, and then led us in Prayer.

17/30 NOTICE OF AOB ITEMS

Rector's Administrative Assistant (see 17/39).

17/31 MEMBERSHIP ISSUES

Canon Martin Greenfield's sabbatical had begun on 1/9/17.

Ben Laundon had resigned from PCC (and Synod) wef 29/8/17, because he was moving out of the area.

Rev Louise Ellis had left the parish on 5/9/17 on appointment to another post.

17/32 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10/5/17

PCC noted that Susan's report on the state of St Antony's Vicarage had been inadvertently omitted, for which the secretary apologised. Subject to that, and correction of one typographical error, the minutes were agreed as a true record and duly signed.

17/33 MATTERS ARISING

- (A) PCC Treasurer (17/18 (C)):** A suitable person was still being sought.
- (B) Employee Handbook (17/20 (A)):** The draft was with Standing Committee for clearance.
ACTION: Chris Babbs (to issue)
- (C) Parish Directory (17/27(B)):** The secretary would check on the current status of the Directory. **ACTION: Chris Babbs** [*Secretary's Note: The Directory has been issued on a limited circulation – copies available from Alice Price. CB*]
- (D) Parish Office Cover (17/27(C)):** The arrangements had operated satisfactorily and Paul Shipley was now back at work.

17/34 PASTORAL ORGANISATION

(A) CREATION OF THE PARISH OF ST MARY'S SANDERSTEAD

No information had been received from the diocesan or national authorities, and an enquiry by the secretary of the Archdeaconry Office had revealed that they had also heard nothing.

Concern was expressed that the logical implementation date of 1/1/18 was at risk. It was felt that the best approach would be informal contact with the Archdeacon and the Bishop of Croydon. St Antony's 60th Anniversary would provide a good opportunity for this.

(B) DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE REMAINING CHURCHES

A group, comprising the clergy, Lay Vice-Chair and churchwardens of the three churches, had held two meetings to explore how we could best fulfil our mission of helping people in Sanderstead to know and follow Christ (with the best structure dropping out of that, rather than starting with organisational issues). This obviously needed to link with Mission Action Planning.

It had been agreed that the best way forward would be to engage a team of theological students from St Augustine's College to do a project, as part of their training, to help us discern what the needs were and how best to meet them. Rev Jeremy Groombridge would be meeting the head of the programme in two weeks' time to work out the details. But it was likely that the team would comprise about six students. They would be visiting the parish between the end of September and some time in January, and would be producing their report around the end of February. It would then be presented to PCC (as well as being assessed academically).

PCC endorsed this approach.

(C) IMMEDIATE DEVELOPMENTS

- There was now a Team Prayer Meeting at 9am at All Saints' on the last Saturday of each month.
- The All Saints' Newsletter was now the Team Newsletter.
- St Antony's 60th Anniversary on 17th September would be celebrated by all. All Saint's and St Edmund's would cancel their main services on that Sunday (unfortunately it would not be possible for St Mary's to do so, because the date clashed with their Patronal Festival).

17/35 SAFEGUARDING

As agreed at the previous meeting (17/23), PCC noted the Safeguarding self-audits from All Saints', St Antony's and St Edmund's, which had been circulated before the meeting. It was noted that a number of people would require re-training and/or re-certification in 2018; others would need to proceed to stage 2 certification.

17/36 CLERGY HOUSING ISSUES

(A) ST ANTONY'S VICARAGE

Susan reported that the bathroom had been refurbished but there was a continuing problem with inadequate water pressure, which she was pursuing with the diocese. There was no news about the planned refurbishment of the kitchen, and she did not feel that was really necessary. Roofers were dealing with leaks in the flat roof.

(B) RECTORY

PCC members were delighted to note that Martin & Emma had finally moved into the house in Glebe Hyrst. It was early days as regards the diocese's intentions for the old rectory site but PCC wished to be kept informed, in view of the local impact.

(C) ST MARY'S VICARAGE

The windows had been replaced and necessary work done in the garden.

17/37 CHURCH FABRIC ISSUES

(A) ALL SAINTS'

- The most recently installed cabinets for the mobile telephone installation in the tower were creating an unacceptable level of noise. The proposed solution was the installation of acoustic walling, funded by the mobile telephone company. However, a faculty would still be required. PCC unanimously approved the project subject (due to timing issues) to its approval by All Saints' DCC and any conditions they might wish to impose.
- It had been necessary to re-glaze a number of windows and doors in the All Saints' hall complex at an estimated cost of £10,125.60 – just over the £10,000 limit for DCC approval. PCC was happy to provide retrospective approval for the project. *[Secretary's Note: In the event the invoice was for £9,113.04.]*
- A faculty was being sought for a drop-down projection screen. Mobile screens (which did not need a faculty) were being sourced.

(B) ST EDMUND'S

- Replacement LED lighting had been installed.
- The work to make the William Goddard Room water-tight appeared to have been successful. The corner nearest the original leak was still slightly damp, so refurbishment work was being delayed until that area dried out; it was hoped that this would be by the end of the year.

(C) ST ANTHONY'S

- Work now comprised only small painting jobs and replacing lights.
- However, there was an issue with the heating which would have to be pursued.

(D) ST MARY'S

- The boundary between diocesan and parish land had now been defined for the purposes of the hall project.
- The next stages were to revise the plans; conclude a legal agreement and seek planning permission.
- The target date for demolition of the existing building was February 2018.

17/38 DCC AND SYNOD MINUTES

PCC noted with approval the notes of the following DCC meetings, which had been circulated:

- St Antony's & St Edmund's joint meeting 15/5/17
- St Antony's 25/6/17
- St Edmund's 27/6/17
- All Saints' 13/6/17

PCC also noted the minutes of the meeting of Croydon South Deanery Synod on 21/6/17. A follow-up questionnaire on churches' "green" policies and performance had been sent to Synod members.

17/39 RECTOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Rev Jeremy Groombridge announced that Alice Price had tendered her resignation because she had been accepted for training as a CMS Pioneer Minister. This would be announced at All Saints' on Sunday 10/9/17. Alice would be leaving at the end of September. Possible successors were being considered – probably on a temporary basis until Martin's return from sabbatical.

PCC expressed its thanks to Alice for all she had done. Our good wishes and prayers would be with her in her new venture.

17/40 CLOSE

There being no further business, the meeting closed with further prayer and the Grace.

NEXT MEETING: 4/12/17 AT ST MARY'S

CJB 11/9/17