

# PARISH OF ST. ANDREW, ENFIELD

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held  
on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013  
at 8 p.m. at the Parish Centre

**Present:** Mr Jeremy Taylor (Vice-Chair), Mr Richard Berndes, Ms Sarah Hargreaves, Mr David Hastings, Mr Bob Hollingsworth, Dr Kate Holmes, Miss Gill Owen, Mrs Claire Reilly, Mr Mark Thebridge and Mrs Victoria Wiggins. Mr John Tanner (Secretary).

### 1. Opening Prayer

1.1. Mr Jeremy Taylor opened the meeting with a prayer.

### 2. Apologies for Absence

2.1. Apologies for absence were received from: Revd. Olive Cope, Mr Rex Bourne, Mrs Ruth Collop, Mr Barrie Lane, Mrs Diana Lane, Miss Stephanie Lane and Mrs Jacky Parnell.

### 3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

3.1. The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013 were approved.

3.2. The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2013 were approved.

### 4. Matters Arising

4.1. Mr Jeremy Taylor reported on his recent meeting with the Revd. Michael Banner. He and Mr Barrie Lane had come away with a very favourable impression of the approach that the Patron was taking. The Revd. Michael Banner had been impressed with the profile, and had suggested that further emphasis should be given to the role played by the Parton. Mr Taylor and Mrs Claire Reilly had revised the profile to reflect this.

### 5. Reports from Committees and Deanery Synod

5.1. The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2013 were noted. It was noted that economies could be achieved on stationery. The price of the Parish Magazine would increase to £0.50 from January in order to cover costs.

5.2. The minutes of the Mission and Outreach Committee of 26<sup>th</sup> September 2013 were noted.

5.3. The report of the Deanery Synod meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> September 2013 was noted.

### 6. Reports from Organisations

6.1. The report from Exodus was noted.

6.2. No report had been received from the Flower Arrangers.



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### 7. Common Fund

- 7.1. Mr Jeremy Taylor reported the financial position of the Parish, as summarised at the previous meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2013. But for a single legacy last year of £50,000 there would have been a deficit of £20,000. Income had fallen from the Parish Centre and parking. This would require a radical reappraisal of the amount paid to the Diocese, potentially reducing from £80,000 to c£65,000, reflecting the level of contribution made by other parishes of a similar size. Income was declining from both the Parish Centre and car parking. In addition, Mrs Sarah Hargreaves reported that giving by the congregation was going down.
- 7.2. He also noted a conversation he had had with Fr. Luke Miller and the options potentially available to the PCC to reduce outgoings. Fr. Luke had made it clear that the Diocese should come above other internal commitments.
- 7.3. The Finance Committee would be putting in train measures to generate income more proactively. Mr Taylor said that he would be launching an appeal for additional income to the congregation over the next three weeks.
- 7.4. Mrs Sarah Hargreaves reported on the bank charges being incurred to the Church's income. Only two local banks now had night safes, which was a requirement. She was continuing to explore what options might exist to reduce the fees being charged.
- 7.5. Mr Jeremy Taylor outlined the potential to use contactless payment systems as part of the fund raising process. Mr Bob Hollingsworth agreed to explore the options for this, which would potentially raise additional funding, while reducing cash handling charges.

### 8. Organ Restoration Fund

- 8.1. There is still £65,000 outstanding with further events planned.

### 9. Any Other Business

- 9.1. Dr Kate Holmes raised the future deployment of Lay Readers, reflecting her move to a chaplaincy post in a mental health institution in January. Mr Jack Thornton would be looking to reduce his level of commitment with his formal retirement. There might, reflecting this, be grounds to suspend the Sunday Evening Service for the period of the interregnum.
- 9.2. Where Communion by Extension had to be delivered again there might be benefit gained from the Lay Readers having the opportunity to prepare by delivering it after a Parade Service, rather than at the 10am Communion Service. A meeting between the Lay Readers and the Church Wardens to consider this might be helpful.
- 9.3. Mr David Hastings thanked Dr Kate Holmes for the Memorial Service and suggested that the details of the leader of the service should be included on the news sheet.
- 9.4. Mr Jeremy Taylor proposed, and Mr John Tanner seconded, a motion supporting the two Foundation Governors in their work at St Andrew's School and their continuing to represent the Christian ethos and the wider Church in maintaining the link between the Church and the School. The motion was adopted unanimously.

### 10. Date of Next Meeting