

# PARISH OF ST. ANDREW, ENFIELD

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held  
on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013  
at 8 p.m. at Enfield Vicarage

**Present:** Revd. Michael Edge, Revd. Olive Cope, Mr Richard Berndes, Mr Rex Bourne, Mrs Ruth Collop, Ms Sarah Hargreaves, Mr David Hastings, Mr Barrie Lane, Mrs Diana Lane, Miss Stephanie Lane, Miss Gill Owen, Mrs Jacky Parnell, Mrs Claire Reilly, Mr Jeremy Taylor, Mr Mark Thebridge and Mrs Victoria Wiggins. Mr John Tanner (Secretary).

### 1. Opening Prayer

- 1.1. The Revd. Michael Edge opened the meeting with a prayer and noted that the meeting would be followed by refreshments.

### 2. Apologies for Absence

- 2.1. Apologies for absence were received from: Mr Bob Hollingsworth and Dr Kate Holmes.

### 3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

- 3.1. The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2013 were approved.

### 4. Matters Arising

- 4.1. Mission Action Plan – The Secretary had circulated a draft with the minutes of the previous meeting for comment. A revised draft had been circulated for this meeting. The revised draft and is included in the minute book
- 4.2. The Revd. Michael Edge confirmed that he had raised the issue of three stalls trading on the Market Place on Sunday with the Old Enfield Charitable Trust. Mr David Hasting reported that this had also been raised at the meeting of residents with Enfield Council.

### 5. Reports from Committees

- 5.1. The minutes of the meeting of the Mothers' Union held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013 were noted.
- 5.2. The minutes of the Organ Restoration Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2013 were noted. The Revd. Michael Edge noted that the first invoices from the organ consultant and the builder had now been paid and it looked likely that the organ will be removed in the summer of 2014 and not be back before Christmas that year.
- 5.3. The minutes of the Pastoral Care Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2013 were noted. The Revd. Olive Cope noted that the registration of the meditation group had been completed.



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### 6. Reports from Organisations

- 6.1. The report from the Mothers' Union was noted.
- 6.2. It was noted that no report had been received from the Sewing Guild.

### 7. Common Fund

- 7.1. This item was deferred pending consideration by the Finance Committee.

### 8. Organ Restoration Fund

- 8.1. It was noted that a number of people have redeemed standing orders and paid in a lump sum. This will improve cash flow, which will be an issue going forward. The annual gift from Trinity College of £3,000 and two generous donations had also been received.
- 8.2. The organ builder is now committed to starting work next Summer. The Revd. Michael Edge recorded his thanks, endorsed by the PCC to David Holliday for his leadership of the Committee.
- 8.3. Future events include the sponsored swim and the barn dance in the next two weeks.

### 9. Any Other Business

- 9.1. The Revd. Michael Edge reported on the process of re-licensing the lay readers. The process had been very difficult. In the light of the bureaucracy involved, Mr Jack Thornton had decided not to be relicensed. The Revd. Michel Edge proposed the Mr Thornton should be given the title of Lay Reader Emeritus in recognition of his Christian spirit and commitment in his work as a lay reader. The PCC endorsed this.
- 9.2. The Revd. Michael Edge said that the coming Sunday would be label Sunday. On Sunday the new head-teacher of St Andrews, Ms Cath Mann, would be introduced to the congregation.
- 9.3. The Revd. Michael Edge reported that the Peter Morgan Bursary fund had been wound up, with the agreement of The Revd. Peter Morgan's widow, with the remaining funds divided between the costs of refurbishing the choir vestry and the Organ Restoration Fund.
- 9.4. The Revd. Michael Edge will be speaking to the solicitors dealing with the Margulin bequest on 16 September.
- 9.5. The Revd. Michael Edge reported that the Bishop had accepted his resignation.
- 9.6. The Revd. Olive Cope asked whether the new licensing application for the Bar Ten site had been noted and addressed by the church-wardens. It was noted that they would need to take this up promptly with the licensing authority.
- 9.7. Mr Tanner noted the requirement to provide some details of PCC members to the Charity Commission and that he would be seeking this shortly
- 9.8. Mr Barrie Lane noted the relationship between the Church and the School and asked that thought be given to whether more people could assist the school on a practical



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basis, for example in hearing reading. Mr Rex Bourne noted that the new head would welcome any applicants for the post of Vicar visiting the school

9.9. The Revd. Michael Edge then reflected on his time in the parish by reference to the first address he had given to an annual parish meeting. He said how glad he had been to be part of a parish which was in the central aspect of the Church Of England in a polarised diocese. It was important to remember that the Diocese of London is not typical of the Church of England. It was not wishy-washy to be in the centre.

9.10. Together the PCC and congregation need to be strong and unified in dealing with filling the vacancy and in managing the interregnum. People should forget about differences but think about what brings them together. He concluded by thanking people for their support and comfort over the last 20 years. He thanked his wife and two daughters for standing by him over all the years of his Ministry. He played that God would bless the PCC and Parish in the onward journey.

9.11. The Revd. Olive Cope concluded the meeting with a reading from Isaiah. The Revd. Michael Edge recorded his profound appreciation and gratitude for the support she had given him over the last twenty years.

### 10. Date of Next Meeting

10.1. The next Meeting is scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013.