

# Minutes of the Meeting of St. James P.C.C.

## Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012

**Present:** Rev David Britton (Chair), Rev Johan Allen, Carol Burt, Nick Burt, Catalina Contreras, Sabeena Coulson, Judy Douglas, John Farebrother, Liz Gibbons, Anthony Herbert, Alan Hollamby, Dave Ingram, Steve Linton, Dan Obene, Richard Reddie, Stephanie Sulaiman, Julie White, Glynis Wilkinson, Simon James-Morse.

**Apologies:** Joan Botterill, Chris Hart, Laura Knight, Pauline Pepperell, Emma Simmonds, Paula Thomas.

**In Attendance:** Ven Stephen Roberts (Archdeacon of Wandsworth), Rev John Fisher (Patronage Secretary, CPAS), Rev Dr Sue Clarke (St Pauls), Rev Marc Richeux (St Albans).

1. **Welcome:** David opened the meeting by welcoming the visitors, reading from Psalm 145, and a prayer.

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meetings:**

The Minutes of the meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2012 were considered and accepted unanimously.

3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes.**

These were deferred until the next meeting.

4. **Selection Process of New Team Rector.**

Stephen Roberts led the meeting through the procedure for selecting a new Team Rector, making detailed reference to the booklet, 'Guidelines for Vacancies in Southwark', provided by Diocese of Southwark. Section C2.2 of the booklet was explained in detailed, specifically the roles of the Patron, the Parish Representatives and the Bishop.

1. **Patron.** John Fisher explained the role of CPAS as Patron, indicating the right of the Patron to present to the Bishop the next vicar for a parish. However, CPAS's policy of working positively with a parish and diocese through the selection process was emphasised. Reference was also made to the Team Ministry scheme that outlined the composition of the Patronage Board.
2. **Parish Representatives.** Stephen explained that these would be elected by the PCC who would affirm or veto the Patron's nomination.
3. **Bishop.** Stephen explained that the Bishop could also affirm or veto a nomination. However, this only happened in exceptional circumstances.

Stephen and John gave further information regarding the importance of compiling an attractive Parish Profile for each of the churches in the Team Ministry, with the Team Council ensuring their cohesion. Reference was also made to the importance of ensuring the church web site was up-to-date, with appropriate information available about the church for prospective candidates.

Further questions were raised and answered by Stephen and John regarding the details of the selection procedure.

At this point, the meeting paused to allow visitors to leave.

On resumption, the meeting agreed that the time with Stephen and John had been helpful, especially as regards understanding the selection process.

5. **Election of Parish Representatives.**

It was reported that both Nick and Judy were willing to stand as Parish Representatives for the selection of the new Team Rector. Opportunity was given for the nomination of other candidates.

**Proposal: to elect Nick Burt and Judy Douglas as the Parish Representatives for the selection of the new Team Rector.**

Proposed by Dave Ingram, Seconded by Dan, agreed unanimously

6. **Advertising the Post of Team Rector.**

The meeting made reference to the presentation from John Fisher (CPAS).

**Proposal: to advertise the post of Team Rector.**

Proposed by Sabeena, Seconded by Julie, agreed unanimously

7. **Section 3(1) or 3(2) of the Priests (Ordination of Women) Measure 1994.**

David explained that, should the meeting wish to decide to pass a resolution on Section 3(1) or 3(2) of the Priests (Ordination of Women) Measure 1994, then a notice period of 28 days was required. However, a decision was not required. Nick noted that, historically, the PCC had chosen not to pass a resolution, and actively promoted the ministry of women. Similarly, St Albans and St Pauls had also chosen not to pass a resolution.

It was noted that, if the meeting decided not to pass a resolution, that applications for the post of Team Rector would be accepted from both men and women.

**Proposal: to decide not to pass a resolution on Section 3(1) or 3(2) of the Priests (Ordination of Women) Measure 1994.**

Proposed by Johan, Seconded by Sabeena, agreed unanimously.

8. **Any Other Business.**

1. **Feedback to Church.** In response to a question raised, the Church Wardens agreed to inform the church members regarding the progress made in selecting a new Team Rector.

9. **Date of Next Meeting.**

**10<sup>th</sup> September:** this would be a regular PCC meeting, but would also seek to approve a Parish Profile and Job Description for the new Team Rector.

The meeting closed with prayer at 9:50pm.

Next PCC meeting: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 8:00pm