

Minutes of the Meeting of St. James P.C.C. Monday 14 March 2011

Present: Rev George Howard, Joan Botterill, Rev Johan Allen, Sue Allen, Nick Burt, Carol Burt, Paula Thomas, Rev Sue Clarke, John Farebrother, Anthony Herbert, Glynis Wilkinson, Dave Ingram, Liz Gibbons, Laura Knight, Neils Ribeiro, Chris Hart, Stephanie Sulaiman, Steve Linton, Alan Hollamby, Chris Howard, Pauline Pepperill, Rev David Britton, Richard Reddie, Antony Herbert, Judy Douglas, Simon James-Morse

1. **Prayer and Welcome:** George welcomed the members, Rev Canon Stephen Roberts, Archdeacon of Wandsworth, and the meeting opened in prayer.

2. **Presentation from Stephen Roberts.**

Stephen led a detailed discussion regarding the concept of 'Team Churches', centred around a proposal paper from Andrew Lane, Deputy Diocesan Secretary. This suggested two options for a Team Ministry:

- a. **Separate Parishes.** The 3 constituent parishes would remain independent, but an overarching Team Council created to address joint activities.
- b. **United Parishes.** The 3 constituent parishes would be united to form a single parish, with 3 District Church Councils (DCC) set up to address localised issues.

Stephen outlined the benefits of Team Ministry, specifically, that it would maximise the potential of the work in the neighbourhood, utilising resources according to gifting and local missiological emphasis. Team Ministry would shape the direction of ministry in the future.

Further comment was also made regarding:

- i. **Staffing and housing,** emphasising that the Team Rector would be from St James.
- ii. **Patronage Board** would be required, chaired by the Bishop, where Patrons and PCC's would be equally represented.
It was noted that PCC representatives would have right of veto or endorsement in the matter of employing clergy.
- iii. **Finance.** If Option (a) was implemented, the financial responsibility would continue with each PCC. If Option (b) was used, then the Team Ministry scheme would decide what funding was available.

Proposals:

1. **That St James continues discussions with St Paul's, Furzedown and St Albans regarding the setting up of a 'Furzedown Team Ministry'.**

Proposed by Nick, Seconded by Joan, agreed unanimously.

2. **That the PCC resolve to inform the church at the APCM on 10-Apr-11 regarding the Furzedown Team Ministry initiative, and to commend the above decision to the church for further exploration.**

Proposed by Joan, Seconded by Nick, agreed unanimously.

3. **That the PCC affirms its commitment and covenant with Mitcham Lane Baptist Church, and to continue to inform them as appropriate regarding all the above discussions.**

Proposed by Nick, Seconded by Joan, agreed unanimously.

3. **Acceptance of 2010 Accounts.**

Paula presented that Accounts to 31 December 2010, noting that they were still with the external examiner. Various parts of the accounts were highlighted. It was noted with thanksgiving

that, despite budgeting a deficit, the year ended with a surplus. Part of the reason was attributed to lower salary costs due to staff only being present for part of the year.

The meeting specifically commended the excellent work done by Graham in producing the Accounts.

Proposal: to accept the Accounts as presented, subject to the external examiners findings.

Proposed by Paula, Seconded by Alan, agreed unanimously.

4. Matters Arising from Minutes.

All other items on the agenda were deferred until the next PCC meeting.

The meeting closed at 9:45 p.m.

Next meeting: 10 April 2011