

**RICHMOND AND BARNES DEANERY SYNOD**  
**Minutes of a meeting of the R & B D/S held on Monday 15th October 2012**  
**at St. Mary's, Barnes, at 7.30pm**

Present: 22 Members signed the Attendance Register

Apologies; 17 Members sent apologies

Dr. Mike Springate (Lay Chair) presided. (Rev'd Canon Tim Marwood for Item 7)

1 The meeting opened at 7.45 pm with Rev'd Richard Sewell welcoming those present, saying a prayer, following which a hymn was sung. (*We have a Gospel to proclaim*)  
Canon Tim Marwood (Area Dean) congratulated Rev'd RS on his appointment as Assistant Area Dean.

3 Minutes of the Last Meeting These had been circulated to the members of the D/S and were proposed for adoption by Keith Hutchinson, and seconded by Jane Marwood and signed by Rev'd TM.

4 Matters Arising It was advised that the Rev'd Stephen Griffiths had withdrawn from his nomination as a Clergy Representative of the R & B D/S to the Diocesan Synod.

5 Finance Report Veronica Willoughby (Treasurer) reported that all the Parishes had paid their dues and she had thanked them all for doing so.  
There was £858 in the account, and expenses were Area Dean £673, St. Peter's Petersham, £30, Dr. MS Lay Chair's expenses £60. VW stated that next year the subscriptions for the Parishes would remain at the same amount. Dr. MS thanked all the Parishes in the Deanery for paying their Fair Share quota in full and promptly, despite the economic situation, noting the fact that the R& B D/S had the 3rd highest assessment for Fairer Shares Contribution in the Southwark Diocese.

6 Nomination to fill the post of Deanery Lay Representative on the Archdeaconry Mission and Pastoral Committee Christine Ellis was retiring from this committee (after serving for 10 years) for which she was thanked. Dr MS asked Keith Hutchinson at the meeting if he would be interested in taking on the post, and he said he would accept. Rev'd TM, Dr. MS and Christine Ellis to give guidance regarding the remit of the post. Keith was thanked for his offer in accepting the position.

Points 7 & 8 were swapped round

8 Faith, Hope and Love. At this point Rev'd Canon TM took the Chair saying that a first look at Faith, Hope and Love had been taken and he had asked the Parishes for their response. He had been encouraged by this and stated that phase 3 would take place later in 2013. He asked the Parish representatives to reply.

Mortlake and East Sheen Rev'd Canon Dr Ann Nickson spoke saying that the Parish were holding "Away Days" to discuss strategy for the future of the Parish. PCC meetings had taken place on the subject of Faith, Hope and Love.

St. Peter's, Petersham. Jane Marwood replied saying that the PCC had started with some new ideas for worship, introducing a period of silence to prefix services so as to collect one's thoughts, holding a weekday service was to be discussed, young families came to church and this was to be encouraged, youth worship to be developed and the PCC were looking at the utilisation of space in the church. The link with Matabeleland exists and this is to be continued.

St. Mary's, Barnes Rev'd RS said that the Lent Bible Study of Paul's letter to the Corinthians continues. Several services and sermons have been held focussing on Faith, Hope and Love, commitment cards handed out with an invitation to consider and return. Mission Action Planning - St. Mary's Today and Tomorrow to take place. 1 Year programme assessing the health of St. Mary's leading to formulating a strategic plan. Have used Faith, Hope and Love themes as a way of reflecting on their Mission and Ministry. Special Sermons, Congregational meetings and PCC Away Days have happened. Plan to be launched on Advent Sunday with a special All Age service. People being brought into the church by baptisms. Facilities are being developed, especially regarding a creche, ensuring everyone makes comments along the way.

At this point Rev'd Canon TM mentioned the Church Plant at Holy Trinity, Castelnau, within the Barnes Team ministry) where the Rev'd David Cooke had gone from Richmond, Holy Trinity with some of the congregation.

St. Anne's, Kew Tercentenary celebrations had brought Faith, Hope and Love into their work. A mission vision had been established, realising the potential of the Parish. Eight years ago a plan was developed and this is growing and using their timescale being two years away from finalisation, the Bishop's Mission Call has slotted in well. There is a task group of mostly Lay people who are working hard.

Holy Trinity, Richmond Annita James spoke advising that there was in place a strategy group for the next five years. Points handled were looking after the local community, helping all Christians, young children and older children, having them in church to build for the future. The Parish prepared for the Church Plant. (*see above*) There was an accent on prayer meetings.

St. Michael's, Barnes The question was asked as to how does the Parish integrate Faith, Hope and Love and use it wisely. Building on prayer was an essential process and this was discussed. In the Church Hall a board had been put up and divided into 4 sections, Faith, Hope, Love and Other. The congregation's views on faith had built up. During coffee breaks people looked at the board for information. Sunday school was responding to the Bishop's Call, and the PCC had discussed the possibility of having a site on the Diocesan website. This was thought to be a good idea.

St. Philip and All Saints - The Barn Church, Kew. VW reported that at a PCC meeting the Rev'd Peter Hart had put in place a strategy for the future, for worship, building, fund raising, work with the children etc. Fund raising was very important and a Barn Dance had taken place and the Christmas Fair would be held and both of these were good fund raisers for the Parish. A list of the congregation and their functions was being established. Junior Church was successful.

St. Luke's, Kew This Parish had held a patronal festival with a special service and sermon but would shortly adopt a similar strategy to its sister church (St. Philip). St. Luke's were using the same strategy as at the Barn Church, they are in the same benefice.

Rev'd Canon TM said that the work re the Bishop's Mission was taking a while to reach conclusions and going at different speeds, recording where we are and what we are going to do and when we arrive. Doing nothing is not an option, we need to build on the appetite of the churches, encourage the young, and share ideas. Rev'd Canon TM thanked all those who had spoken on behalf of their churches for sharing their views and ideas.

Deidre Munroe said that one should keep the momentum going and the challenge is to keep it fresh.

8 Dr. MS reported on his visit to the National Conference on Deaneries saying that 8 delegates

came from Southwark. Items mentioned included the fact that the dioceses were considered to be too large, the parishes too small and the deaneries about the right size for taking forward Mission. There were 5 speakers including Bishop Peter Maurice of Taunton, who was an excellent speaker, being very positive about mission. Building to promote relationship and opportunities are opening up, and new styles of leadership taking place. Welcome and hospitality were mentioned as being key features in churches. Workshops were held, and it was considered that deaneries were a good vehicle and that they would become more important in time. "Make your voices heard" he urged (The first consequent step was taken, immediately after Synod, when Robert Cowham volunteered to construct a deanery website.)

9        AOB None

10        Area Dean's Report There would be a Sunday School Leaders Course in Richmond on 26.1.2013. At Hickey's Almshouses.

Reference was made to the current edition of "The Bridge" where one could read of Rev'd Richard Sewell's cricketing achievements and his article.

The meeting closed at 8.45 when Rev'd Canon TM thanked St. Mary's Barnes for their hospitality and refreshments, and he then said the closing prayers and all said the Grace.

Next meetings would be held on **Wednesday 23rd January 2013** at Holy Trinity Church, Sheen Park, Richmond, TW9 1UP at 7.30  
and **Wednesday 1st May 2013** at St. Anne's Church, Kew Green, TW9 3AA at 7.30