

Parish of Mortlake with East Sheen

Minutes of PCC Committees

COMMITTEE NAME:	DATE OF MEETING:
MISSION, PEACE AND JUSTICE GROUP	Tuesday 1 November 2022

PRESENT:

Kate Woodhouse (chair), William Arnold, Celia Catchpole, Revd Jonathan Haynes, Sarah Kitchen, Christine McGuinness, Peter Jones

HEADLINES:

Agenda item	Headlines, decisions, action points	Action
3	CWs to report to PCC on each church's progress on Parish Environment Policy	Churchwardens
	Churches to consider central buying and review use of paper	Churches
4	Proposal to PCC that the Diocese should cease investing in fossil fuels	KW to propose to PCC
5	PCC should adopt shorter Anti-Racism Charter and consider talks on this issue	PCC
6	Talk from Regenerate on Sunday 19 February	All
7	Warm Soup Club in Mortlake	All

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1	Welcome and apologies We welcomed Revd Jonathan Haynes to his first meeting and received apologies from David Massa and Geoff Stanton	
2	Minutes of the previous meeting These were agreed.	
3	<p>Review of Parish Environment Policy Each church is asked to report to the PCC annually on progress towards improving carbon emissions and energy efficiency. The Committee agreed that it is a 'work in progress' in all three churches but that an annual report would help share information. Each heading was reviewed:</p> <p>Buildings: each church has had an energy survey or is planning one. There is a rolling plan for the houses, Sea Scouts hut now double glazed.</p> <p>Energy: awaiting news of meters and possibility of measuring lessening use. AS church boiler failing fast, heat pumps may still be too expensive. It was noted that expensive capital investment for the churches is not cost effective, low tech changes are more appropriate.</p> <p>Lighting: each church working towards LED lighting</p> <p>Cleaning: Sarah to follow up with Deirdre about central buying to cut costs and buy ethically, perhaps from the Ethical Superstore.</p> <p>Catering: There is a Traidcraft account is set up to deliver to each church and charge to SM, this could be revitalised.</p> <p>Recycling: Presumably this happens in each church</p> <p>Paper: Could AS move towards reusable booklets, thus cutting down on paper, photocopying and time? SM and CC to review use of paper.</p> <p>Flowers: SM and AS using less oasis. Sarah suggested a workshop for flower arrangers with professionally trained Maud from SM, on using vases and chicken wire, moving away from plastic containers. Vases could be donated or bought at reasonable price.</p> <p>New: distribute used candles to congregations in preparation for possible power cuts.</p>	<p>SK to liaise with Deirdre about central buying SK to liaise with CC and AS about Traidcraft</p> <p>All churches to review paper use, AS to consider reusable service booklets? SK to liaise with AS and CC re workshop All</p>

4	<p>Fossil fuel divestment The Diocese of Southwark still invests in fossil fuels. It was agreed to propose that the PCC passes a motion asking the Deanery to take this up for action at Diocesan Synod. It was noted that the motion should not highlight specific companies, but be a general request.</p>	KW to propose motion to PCC for Deanery and then Diocesan Synod
5	<p>Diocesan Anti-Racism Charter The PCC asked the Committee to review the Charter and make recommendations. The Committee agreed a shorter version of the Charter for consideration by the PCC. There was a discussion about monuments, it was agreed none should be changed but that the story of those remembered, good or bad, should be told. Jonathan suggested the parish could help raise awareness about racism with Lent or other occasional talks, endeavouring to avoid pitfalls such talks can create.</p>	PCC to consider shorter version of charter.
6	<p>Update of charities for 2022-25 and Sunday morning talks Charities for 2022-25 all informed of parish support. Heidi Russenberger, a trustee of Friends of Freetown, recently gave an informative talk about their work. It would be beneficial to have a brief website report on this and other MPJ initiatives. Adrian Smalji from Regenerate is coming to speak on Sunday 19 February, 11.45am at All Saints Hall. A date for the East Sheen Chengannur Trust still to be arranged.</p>	KW to arrange a date
7	<p>Events Christmas angels: organisers from each church will publicise this soon Christmas Day lunch: After much discussion, the organisers have decided there will not be a lunch this year. All guests from last year will be told of Christmas events in the area. Decision to be reviewed in September 2023. Glass Door: is not operating in Richmond this season but volunteers are invited to help at St John's, Richmond open two evenings a week Sunday Lunch Scheme: A successful first lunch in August at CC, the next is 18 December. Harvest: SM – Glass Door, CC – CC Brixton, AS – Foodbank Christian Aid Week: we await news for next year Holiday at Home: very successful, fully booked, much enjoyed. Warm Soup Club: SM, MCA and Mortlake Hall are working together to provide a warm space, lunch and companionship on Wednesdays and Thursdays during the winter months. Guests, volunteers and donors all welcome.</p>	
6	<p>Other business There was none</p>	
7	<p>Date of Next Meeting May 2023 date to be agreed</p>	