

Parish of Mortlake with East Sheen

Minutes of PCC Committees

COMMITTEE NAME:	DATE OF MEETING:
MISSION, PEACE AND JUSTICE GROUP	Thursday 10 June 2021

ATTENDEES:
Kate Woodhouse (chair), William Arnold, Celia Catchpole, Revd Chris Griffiths, Sarah Kitchen, Christine McGuinness, Geoff Stanton

HEADLINES:

Agenda item number	Headlines, decisions, action points	Action
3	Southside Young Leaders Academy and Friends of Freetown to be charities for 2021-23.	Approval by PCC
4	Arrange dates for Sunday morning talks	KW
5	Review of parish environment policy	Consultative Groups
6	Regularly review dates/action for Christmas Day lunch, Glass Door, Richmond Churches Sunday Lunch scheme	Committee
	Review Christian Aid Week	CA group
7	Consider review of some banking	Committee
8	Confirm date of next meeting	KW

No	Item	Action
	<p>Opening Prayer Chris Griffiths opened our meeting with prayer. We remembered the contribution of Prudie Mennell to the work of the committee.</p>	
1	<p>Welcome and apologies We welcomed Chris Griffiths and Sarah Kitchen to the committee. David Massa sent his apologies for absence.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting: These were agreed, although the actions were overtaken by lockdown.</p>	
3	<p>Consideration of proposals for a home and an overseas charity for 2019–21. We had five suggestions for home and nine for overseas charities. As last year, all charities have suffered a significant loss of income which made it difficult to be turning down suggestions. We agreed that we would continue our practice of supporting smaller charities where our contribution would make a significant difference, we would keep fairly local at home, and cover different parts of the world overseas. A lengthy discussion followed. Home charity: We decided to recommend supporting Southside Young Leaders Academy. This charity ‘aims to help mostly black young kids in danger of taking a wrong turn to consider themselves as potential ‘winners’, hence the young leaders title. They run Saturday clubs and many other activities.’ They are based in Camberwell. Overseas charity: We decided to recommend Friends of Freetown as a small grassroots charity based in Sierra Leone supporting ‘local communities with what they need, not what we assume they need’.</p>	Kate to present suggestions to PCC and to thank all those who proposed charities, explaining our reasoning and inviting them to apply again in future years.
4	<p>Talks by charities we support We hope to start these again in the autumn, aiming to have three a year so that we can catch up with last year’s newcomers who missed out. Kate saw an interesting Zoom meeting with Partners for Change Ethiopia, it included contributions from their local director in Addis Ababa, only possible via Zoom.</p>	Kate to find a date for a Sunday morning talk in the autumn.

5	<p>Parish Environment Policy We agreed that this is an excellent moment for each church to review their environment policy. Kate will check on monitoring our energy consumption, which had been unfathomable. We will write to each consultative group inviting them to review the parish environment policy in the light of the Covid epidemic and report on how they would now propose to implement it.</p> <p>Some activities, for example lots of photocopying of service sheets, which have stopped over the past year or so, do they need to start again? Before going back to what used to happen we should all consider carefully whether our practices are sustainable or environmentally friendly and if not we must see how we can change. Sarah offered to be a central ordering point for coffee/tea from Traidcraft.</p>	<p>Kate to email consultative groups</p> <p>Sarah to follow up ordering coffee</p>
6	<p>Events</p> <p>Harvest As before, last year our gifts and financial contributions went to Christ Church Brixton Road, the Richmond Foodbank and Glass Door.</p> <p>Christmas Day lunch It is impossible to know if this will happen this year, we will perhaps have a better indication in a couple of months.</p> <p>Christmas Angels Once again, thanks to the generosity of members of our congregations there was money left over after buying the presents and tokens requested we were again able to give a financial donation to Crossroads and Refuge for birthday presents and toys for the children during the rest of the year.</p> <p>Glass Door Last season volunteers cooked an evening meal for guests at the Vineyard Community Centre each Wednesday at All Saints and each Friday at Christ Church. Glass Door was most grateful. No indication yet how this year's season will be organised.</p> <p>Richmond Churches Sunday Lunch scheme (Vineyard lunches) has no dates fixed for 2021. It may be that the scheme has run its course. Street homeless people do not attend often, many guests are regulars, some churches are dropping out. We await news from the deanery and Holy Trinity Richmond who are doing the rota.</p> <p>Christian Aid Week A new look to this year with no house-to-house collections (many sighs of relief) but envelope distribution with a drop box for each street. Final totals not yet available but early signs are that it has been worthwhile. It was agreed that street and station tin rattling are useful outreach which maybe could happen in another year. Support from central office had been slow, a tiny url that Chris produced increased giving at CC, we shall do this again. Once the Christian Aid organisers have met, and have had feedback from the central office, the committee will discuss future years.</p>	<p>Keep on the parish agenda with decision if possible early autumn.</p> <p>Awaiting news from GD</p> <p>Awaiting news from deanery.</p> <p>To be reviewed at next meeting</p>
7	<p>Other business Chris suggested that we should examine our banking and savings accounts to ensure that we are not supporting unethical ventures. This could start at church level where the accounts are rather smaller and easier to transfer. Now that the banks in Sheen have closed personal contact is a thing of the past.</p> <p>Sarah asked about Gift Days, we recollected that these were usually to support specific parish projects and could be revived if needed.</p>	
8	<p>Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 13 or Thursday 14 October at 3.30pm to be confirmed.</p>	