

Bromley Parish Church**PCC Notes** for the meeting on
Wednesday 18 January 2006**Results of Trio Campaign**

Results from the recent campaign have proved very disappointing, with worrying implications for the activities of BPC. Only a small increase in participation levels has been achieved, and projected income is virtually unchanged from current levels. This represents a likely shortfall of 17.7% on the sum required from Fair Shares to meet this year's housekeeping budget, which itself includes a sizeable deficit.

PCC members gave initial consideration to the implications of the shortfall. It was felt that inevitably, once a final figure had been calculated, BPC would have to 'cut its coat according to its cloth'. Significant action would be needed to reduce expenditure in the relatively few areas over which the PCC had influence. Dealing with deficits of the size projected, while maintaining the mission of the Church, posed a major challenge to all members of BPC.

Cleaning

The allocation of duties between the two cleaning roles will be rationalised, with cleaning of the Youth Centre separated from that of the Church and Rooms.

Major building project

'Practical completion' has been reached, with only a few relatively minor issues to be resolved. Thanks were expressed to Ernest Yeo for guiding this major series of works to a successful conclusion.

Rooms and Youth Centre Hire

Approval was given to new forms of agreement, which combine provisions of previous agreements with latest diocesan advice. Under these agreements BPC is protected against all foreseen eventualities.

Child Protection

Following CRB checks, 12 further names were added to the list of those registered to work with children in BPC.

Committee Reports

Reports from the following were discussed and approved: Standing Committee (3 reports), St. Paul's House Management Committee, St. Paul's House Liaison Committee, Churches Together in Central Bromley, Outreach Committee, Worship Committee.

Other Business

- Support for the current approach to using fairly traded goods across the whole range of BPC's activities was renewed, and members undertook to be vigilant in ensuring that the policy was followed. Opportunities will be sought for more tangible support during Fair Trade fortnight later in the year.
- Initial consideration was given to the Council's plans for Bromley Town Centre. Key issues for BPC were view that any developments should be life-enhancing rather than focusing only on acquisition, the need for increased engagement as the residential population grew, and the implications of any plans for development of The Hill area, in which St. Paul's House is situated.
- Mary Walker's departure will be marked by a gathering in the Rooms on 19th March
- the 2006 APCM will be on 30th April
- the Chairman gave his thanks to Alison Newman for all her contributions to the life of BPC over the past 3 years. Her work in leading the Outreach Committee had been particularly valuable to the PCC
- Consideration will be given to minimising the problems caused to some members of the congregation by inadequate lighting in candle-lit services at festival periods.

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