

Sacred Heart and St Antony's Joint Parishes
Annual General Meeting
Sunday 22nd May 2016 at 3.00 pm

Present: Mgr Bernard Massey (Priest of the Joint Parishes), Father Rupert Allen.

PPC members

Sacred Heart: Dee Coleman, Christine Cronin, Jane Dyer (Minutes), David Gabriel, Chris Menzies (Chair), Fiona McDonald, Jacek Miotla.

St Antony's: Elaine Coulthard, Petronella Mason, Bernard Thomas.

Parishioners: 24

Apologies for Absence

Gill Preisner, Patricia Tester, Frank & Jill Tothill.

1 Opening Prayer

Mgr Bernard opened the meeting with prayers and the Hail Mary.

2 Welcome and Introduction

Chris Menzies welcomed all those present and thanked them for coming. She thanked Jo Savery for preparing all the paperwork for the meeting: it was noted that 250 copies of the paperwork for the meeting (Parish Reports, Minutes of 2015 AGM, Parish Accounts and Newman Hall Accounts) had been given out to parishioners in advance of the AGM. Chris also thanked Fiona McDonald and her team for preparing the cream tea.

3 Acceptance of Minutes of 2015 AGM

The Minutes of the AGM held on 31st May 2015 were accepted and signed by Chris Menzies.

4 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5 Parish Reports

Chris Menzies commented on how much work is done in our joint parishes, both by groups and individuals. She drew attention to the Apostolic Exhortation 'Evangelii Gaudium' in which Pope Francis calls us to be missionary parishes and to come together united in the work of evangelisation. The Pastoral Council have been considering ways in which we can support one another and reach out into communities, and have decided that in the first instance we should come together in prayer. Prayer Flyers have been produced and parishioners have been encouraged to complete these and put forward their views. Chris mentioned several areas that might be considered:

- Bible Study using the course 'The Big Picture'
- Christian Listener Training course 'Just Listen' run by the Acorn Christian Healing Foundation – as outlined by Anne-Marie Sparrow to the PPC recently
- Raising Dementia awareness

It was noted that the Churches Together Westbury Area group is currently in abeyance. Following discussion, a number of ideas were put forward regarding working with other churches (the churches in the area do come together on Remembrance Sunday):

- Exchange of pulpits – could this be restarted
- Prayers for other churches – could these be reinstated
- Consider starting Brownie and Guide groups
- Join with other Christians on Good Friday for the local procession
- CAFOD and Christian Aid to work together

6 Acceptance of Parish Accounts

Chris Menzies thanked Gerry Calderbank for preparing the year end accounts for the Sacred Heart, and Yvonne Barbaszynska for preparing the year end accounts for St Antony's. There were no questions and the accounts were accepted as follows:

Sacred Heart: proposed by Cathy McVay and seconded by David Culley
St Antony's: proposed by Bernard Thomas and seconded by Helen Boal

7 Newman Hall

Chris Menzies thanked Jo Savery for preparing the year end accounts for the Newman Hall. There were no questions and these were accepted as follows: proposed by Alan White and seconded by Mike Corrigan.

Chris also thanked Marion Westwood for all her hard work as Hall manager.

Newman Hall Flat

Mgr Bernard reported that they were currently awaiting the electrician's Certificate of Compliance. It is hoped to let the flat through a charity for the homeless who would be best placed to find suitable tenants and also deal with the day to day running of the lettings – the charity would not necessarily be a Christian charity, the most important factor being 'homeless'. Lettings of the flat will be restricted to short lets of 6-12 months: the aim being to help people back into society.

8 Election of PPC Members

Chris Menzies thanked all PPC members for their work over the past year and advised that all PPC members were willing to continue to serve on the PPC. It was hoped that a further representative from St Antony's would join the PPC.

Election of PPC Members was proposed by Sarah Cuellar and seconded by Cathy McVay.

9 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

10 Closing Remarks and Prayer

Kay Elliott proposed a vote of thanks to the PPC for all the work they do.

Mgr Bernard closed the meeting with prayers including a Glory Be.