

Sacred Heart and St Antony's Joint Parishes Pastoral Council
Minutes of Meeting
Sunday 22nd November 2015

Present: Priest of the Parishes

Mgr Bernard Massey

Sacred Heart

Dee Coleman, Christine Cronin, Jane Dyer (Minutes), David Gabriel, Fiona McDonald, Chris Menzies (Chair), Gill Preisner, Frank Tohill.

St Antony's

Elaine Coulthard, Leone Hayward, Petronella Mason.

1 Mgr Bernard opened the meeting with prayers.

2 Apologies for absence

Jacek Miotla, Fr Rupert.

3 Welcome

Chris welcomed Elaine Coulthard to the PPC.

4 Minutes of previous Meeting held 20th September 2015

These were accepted and signed as a true record.

5 Matters Arising

a) Reports from Parish Committees

Finance & Fabric: the next meeting is scheduled for 27th November.

Newman Hall Club

- Contract for the use of the building will hopefully be finalised next month.
- Noted that the Newman Hall Club has management of the Parish Room above the Club: the Club hopes to raise monies by renting the Parish Room to various groups.

Newman Hall

- Noted that there are no longer any storage facilities in the building.

Newman Hall Flat

- This one bedroomed flat has now been cleared out and cleaned.
- More work needs doing as the electrics do not meet current legislation.
- Consideration had been given to installing storage heaters but it had been decided to install a small Combi boiler to heat the water and the flat itself as this would be more economical.
- Double glazing would also be fitted and possibly a new kitchen.
- Upon completion of the building work, volunteers would be needed to decorate the flat.
- The overall cost is expected to be around £10,000.

Finances

At the forthcoming meeting, the following items to be discussed:

- First 9 months review
- Income & Expenditure (about even)
- St Antony's debt reduction
- Monies needed for the Newman Hall Flat
- New kneelers for both St Antony's and Sacred Heart

Catechetical: the next meeting is scheduled for 24th November

'Do You Love Me' Course

- About 10 people had attended the Tuesday evening sessions.
- Discussions were good, but it was felt the material was somewhat repetitive and rather thinly spread over the 6 weeks.

CAFOD

- The *'Laudato Si'* session had been well attended: there had been a lot of material to cover in one session and consideration would be given to holding a further session.
- The Harvest Fast had raised £1848 between the 2 parishes.
- The Climate Change petition had attracted 200 signatures – noted that the Climate Change Conference is taking place on 30th November in Paris.

Liturgy: this group had met on 18th November and the next meeting is scheduled for 27th January 2016.

Parish Website

- The few problems encountered regarding the final update had been resolved.
- Nearly 80,000 visits had been made over the last 40 months.
- Next year's Confirmation Group to be asked to discuss having a parish Facebook/Twitter account.

Jubilee Year of Mercy commencing 8th December

- Booklet *'A Pilgrimage Companion for the Year of Mercy'* to be available for all parishioners.
- 4 *'Open Doors'* to be opened on 13th December (Clifton, Glastonbury, Prinknash and Downside) – a possible coach trip to be arranged to visit the *'Open Door'* at Downside in the Spring.
- Information on the courses run by the Acorn Christian Healing Foundation had been circulated and this was discussed. It was decided to ask Anne-Marie Sparrow (the Acorn contact) to come and speak to the parishes in the New Year about the courses and how best to set about running one. **Jane**
- Reconciliation services to be held during Advent and Lent.

Celebration of Ministries

- Consider holding this on the Feast of St Joseph the Worker next year (1st May 2016).

Christmas

- Services to be as last year.

Social: this group had met on 12th November and the next meeting is scheduled for 21st January 2016.

Christingle Service

- This to be held on 20th December in the Newman Hall with mulled wine and stollen served after the service.
- Leaflets to be put round the neighbourhood inviting people to join us for this celebration.

Children's Party on 31st January 2016

- The format to be the same as last year.

Future Events 2016

- 19th February: Race Night with Fish & Chip Supper.
- Spring: possible Coach Trip to Downside.
- 1st July: Children's Disco.

b) Memorial Garden (Sacred Heart Church)

- 4 sets of ashes have now been interred.
- Noted that there is a small problem with the grass – the gardener to take remedial action in the Spring. Other options may need to be considered.

6 Ministry of Welcome

Welcome Leaflet

- The leaflet was now completed and printed.
- Thanks were expressed to Catherine Roperto for the photos and for the lovely layout of the leaflet.

7 St Antony's – Points/Issues

- The recent Christmas Fayre had been very successful and had raised £673.22.
- The Carol Service on 17th December was booked.
- Thanks were expressed to Bernard Thomas who had stepped down from the PPC for his contributions to the PPC on behalf of St Antony's.

8 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

9 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, 7th February 2016.

10 Closing Prayer

Mgr Bernard closed the meeting with prayers including the Hail Mary.