

**Sacred Heart and St Antony's Joint Parishes Pastoral Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Present:**       **Priest of the Joint Parishes**  
Father Colin Mason

**Sacred Heart**

Dee Coleman, Christine Cronin, Jane Dyer (Secretary), Frank Tohill (Chair).

**St Antony's**

Bernard Thomas.

**1       Opening Prayer**

Father Colin opened the meeting with prayers including a Hail Mary

**2       Apologies for absence**

David Gabriel

**3       Minutes of previous Meeting held 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

These were accepted and signed as a true record.

**4       Matters Arising**

*Reports from Parish Committees*

**Finance & Fabric:** this group had met on 21<sup>st</sup> July and the next meeting is scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> September.

*Newman Hall Flat*

- The present tenants will be vacating the flat on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September.
- A representative from the Bristol City Council Syrian Resettlement Programme will shortly be coming to look over the flat.

*Budget*

- The budget has been agreed

*Building Works*

- There are some building works issues to be resolved.
- A floorboard at the front of the Sanctuary at the Sacred Heart church is warped and needs attention.

**Liturgy & Catechetical:** this group had met on 2<sup>nd</sup> June and the next meeting is scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

*Prayer Time*

- 'Prayer Time' continues to be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.

*Mass of Healing*

- The next Mass of Healing will be held during Advent.

*Bible Study Group and Scripture Group*

- These groups continue to meet weekly.

*RCIA*

- The RCIA group started well and will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings.

*Youth Ministry Group*

- This group is well attended and meets weekly on Sunday afternoons during term time.

#### *Bristol City of Sanctuary*

- Contributions are being sought for the Community Transport Fund to assist destitute asylum seekers: ways how best we can help will be considered at the next meeting.

#### *Quiz Evening*

- Possible Quiz Evening to raise funds for refugees coming to Europe across the Mediterranean.

#### *Soup Run*

- Decided to drop this from the Agenda as there is little chance of a vacant slot arising in the rota.

#### *CHAS*

- There is a need for more income in order to increase the number of staff to cope with the growing number of homeless.

#### *Second Collections*

- Suggested that there should be an advocate for each Second Collection and that these collections be taken at a separate time to the main Mass collection.

#### *CAFOD*

- The CAFOD Lent campaign raised £3501 which was an excellent amount although falling short of the £4000 target.
- East Africa Emergency appeal raised £1014.
- The sum of £570.70 had been raised for CAFOD by the families and friends of the First Holy Communicants.

#### *Confirmation*

- Instruction to commence in September/October which will be run by Father Colin and David Culley.

#### *Sacred Heart Sound System*

- The sound system is better but still needs further improvement.

**Social:** this group had met on 25<sup>th</sup> May and the next meeting is scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> September.

*Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June: Mass and Farewell 'Do' for Father Rupert*

*Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July: Parish Picnic with American Lunch*

- Feedback on both these events will be brought to the next PPC meeting.

#### *Future events*

- Decided not to have a Children's Disco (October) or a Beetle Drive (November).
- Curry Evening is planned for 14<sup>th</sup> October.
- Christingle Service to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> December.
- International Shared Lunch to be held Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

## **5 Advent**

- There will be a Service of Healing at the Sacred Heart.
- Two Penitential Services will be held: one at each church.
- Christingle Service is scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> December.
- Decided not to run an Advent course.

## **6 Christmas**

#### *Services*

- It was noted that Christmas Day falls on a Monday.
- Father Colin will discuss with the L&C group the number of Christmas services and the times.

### *Decorations*

- The crib will be under the altar as in previous years: a volunteer will be required to assemble this.
- The Christmas tree will not be on the Sanctuary: positions suggested were in the Narthex, outside the church or in the St Margaret room.
- No flowers during Advent except the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday when pink flowers will be displayed.
- Flower arrangements: one pedestal (near Ambo); one arrangement on the Font; the usual arrangements at the Tabernacle, Lady Chapel and Sacred Heart statue; pot plants or similar on the window sills.

## **7 Lent**

- The L&C group to discuss possible talks and courses.
- Noted that Ash Wednesday is February 14<sup>th</sup> and Easter Day falls on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

## **8 St Antony's – Points/Issues**

### Diary

- Film night – October.
- Carol Service with St Bede's at the beginning of December.
- 2018 January/February – Passion Play at St Antony's - provisionally booked.

### Other Matters

- More representatives from St Antony's are needed to join the PPC.
- The roof is in urgent need of repair – other building repairs are also needed on site.
- Decorations to the Church and Hall are ongoing.
- Consider setting up a Building & Restoration Fund.
- Some unwanted old chairs and a pool table need to be disposed of – a skip to be hired for this purpose.
- Eucharistic Ministers are still needed to take Holy Communion to sick and housebound parishioners.
- Request for list of anniversaries of deceased parishioners to be made available during August when there is no newsletter.

## **9 Father Colin: Plans/changes/ideas for the Parishes**

### *Groups*

- Several groups have already been started.

### *Mission*

- There is a need to attract people into the church: Clifton Diocese will be engaging someone to advise and help with this – funding for this post to be shared between parishes (SH and SA's parish to fund a quarter).
- Consider starting an Alpha course or similar when the above advisory role has been filled.

### *Memorial Garden*

- There is a need for something to be positioned at the far end of the garden (possibly a cross): PPC members to bring ideas to the next meeting.

## **10 Any Other Business**

### *Special Collection Envelopes*

- The proposal to have Special Collection Envelopes available in the Narthex a week or two before the due date had been tried out but was unsuccessful so will not be adopted.

## **11 Date of next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm in the Presbytery.

## **12 Closing Prayer**

Father Colin closed the meeting with prayers.