



Sacred Heart Church
Parish of The Sacred Heart, Flitwick
Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council
Thursday, 8 March 2018

PRESENT

Fr. John Danford	Helen Burgess
Siobhan Campbell	Eamonn Diver
Maggie Dullaghan	Deacon Philip Pugh
John Fletcher	Peter Leatherland

APOLOGIES

Martin Brennan	Anne Gadsden
John Fletcher	Suzanne Yates
Diana Page	Nicky Paterson
Paula Bates	

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1.	Opening prayer was regrettably omitted	
2.	Apologies – as above	
3.	Minutes were passed as a true record and agreed that they would be published on website. Subject to noting that apologies had been received from Peter Leatherland	
4.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CARRIED FORWARD - Discussion on how we could look at the charity which Jim Aylward has asked us to help. It was decided to tell JA that we were still thinking of helping but with all the changes we could not do anything until the second quarter. Then if the PPC agrees to go ahead we will look at something in the second half of the year and ask JA to assist in the programme • Mission Building – suggest we do an adult Alpha course in 2019. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Need a group to organise the setting up of the course – There is diocesan funding available for laity development – NP and MD to work with DPP to look at this 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPP to contact Jim Aylward to progress • DPP did not action! To be carried forward
5.	<p>Focus Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Community ❖ Resources ❖ Formation – DP 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Gatherings; NP was unable to attend so no report on any progress. • Eucharistic Congress; three parish participants have now been agreed – DPP, MD and Martin Stynes. One further place to be decided. Some practical arrangements have been made. Further details and timings awaited. • Caring Community Initiative; this programme was defined some while ago. Several aspects of it are in place and working well; visiting the housebound with communion, the work of the SVP generally, contacting those who appear to be in need. The communication aspect is still a weak point. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPP to ask NP for details for next meeting • DPP to update next meeting • DPP to liaise with SY in her new role to action
6.	<p>Standing Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Pastoral Area Council – PL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PL outlines the plans for a ‘Day for Mary’ to be held for the whole pastoral area on 12 May. Details still to be agreed, but each parish will have a role. This is a continuation of the successful days run in past years. (ii) Health and Safety – JFle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report, regular monthly checks continue (iii) Safeguarding – PB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report (iv) Children Liturgy Report – PB Nothing new to report (v) Catechist Report – DP See report – Reconciliation programme complete. FHC and Confirmation progressing well. (vi) Finance – no report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary or recent works shared with meeting • Plans to address the pathways outlined • Concerns expressed about the clarity of communication about Finances • Finance committee to meet after Easter • Annual planned giving appeal on Sunday 11 March • Now 127 in the ‘100 Club’ agreed that any additional funds for distribution should be an Easter and Christmas ‘bonus draw’ There is need to decide and communicate how the money will be used in the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PL to update DPP

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	<p>development of the St Francis suite.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to give the funds collected at the January 2017 parish collection to the SVP to add to the £460 plus they had after the Soup for Sudan • JF shared the current data on planned giving etc.. <p>Standing Orders Presently Active - 65 of which 59 are Gift Aided Equates to approximately £650/week</p> <p>Envelopes To be issued April 2018 - 52 of which 44 are Gift Aided. (Please note there are approximately 5 boxes issued to parishioners who have standing orders, however the Gift Aid figures have not been double counted i.e. 103 active Gift Aid Declarations.</p> <p>(vii) Calendar of Events and Social Activities – SY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulated <p>(viii) Social Media – MD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining the same level of engagement. Report handed out <p>(ix) New Website – SY This has gone live</p> <p>(x) CTA&F – HB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk of Witness – 30 March. Our involvement is agreed. • Pentecost in the Park – 20 May. Details awaited • The associate pastor at ABC had been seriously ill. 	
7.	Next Meeting – 10 May.	
8.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 Hours for the Lord DPP thanked all those involved in helping to set up and steward this event, due to start the day after the meeting • Walsingham Diocesan Pilgrimage – 9 June SY is going to coordinate with LB who have a bus, publicity to be a priority in the year of Prayer and Vocation • Pastoral Area Wide Walk – visiting Flitwick 21 April This walk has been held twice before. We are supporting and awaiting publicity materials. • Justice and Peace Walk – 21 July This walk is an initiative of the LB's J&P group to link 	

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	with an appeal from Pope Francis to walk as a witness to the plight of refugees. The walk will be <u>to and from</u> Flitwick and Eversholt to meet a group walking from LB to Eversholt. A service and picnic/meal will follow. Fr. John is then walking on to LB. Details to follow	
9.	Meeting closed with a prayer by Fr. John	