



Sacred Heart Church
Parish of The Sacred Heart, Flitwick
Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council
Thursday, 11 January 2018

PRESENT

Paula Bates	Helen Burgess
Siobhan Campbell	Eamonn Diver
Maggie Dullaghan	Diana Page
Nicky Paterson	Deacon Philip Pugh
Suzanne Yates	

APOLOGIES

Martin Brennan	Fr. John Danford
John Fletcher	

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1.	NP opened the meeting with a prayer as DPP was doing a service of reception	
2.	Apologies – as above	
3.	Minutes were passed as a true record and agreed that they would be published on website.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SY to send to TD as well as minutes for 11/17
4.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • SY still to ask all the groups to pray for Sacred Heart 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SY to contact Jim Aylward
5.	<p>Focus Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Community ❖ Resources ❖ Formation – DP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconciliation has been going since October but this year we have only three candidates. The sessions are going well and the reconciliation morning will be held on 3 February 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Holy Communion starts after half term on 22 February. There are ten candidates for this sacrament. There will be a celebration Mass on Saturday 23 June as now we only have one Mass we could not all fit in if it was on on a Sunday. • Confirmation group has started, there are thirteen candidates, twelve children and one adult who will be prepared separately. They are going to the diocesan activity – Blaze. They will all be invited to go to the Chrism Mass at the cathedral on 29 March. It is a school day but as a religious event they should be given permission to attend. • ALPHA – started before Christmas, not a great response as only five or six attended the first session, now about a core group of five. Unfortunately due to there commitments there will only be two at the first session for 2018. It was decided to keep going for a while to see if it could grow. It was suggested that we look at the confirmation date and try and get the newly confirmed involved earlier. Look at beginning of 2019. • Suggested there be a meeting in July for all interested in keeping young people involved in the church and then plan a meeting for parents and young people. • Contemplative Prayer will be during Lent and will be our Lenten course. • 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 loot at this 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPP to write a letter to send to the schools • DPP suggested that HB and MD look at what can be done and decide if it is worth carrying on • DPP to convene meeting
6.	<p>Standing Items</p> <p>(i) Pastoral Area Council – PL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report as meeting to be held later <p>(ii) Health and Safety – JFle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report <p>(iii) Safeguarding – PB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the process of doing all the renewals and it is not as simple as it was reported to be • One new person but still up in the air • Master list from the diocese is being updated, that is 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PB will let

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	<p>removing people no longer involved and adding new people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SY needs to get cleared as she may have to meet with children or vulnerable people <p>(iv) Children Liturgy Report – PB Very few adults and few children. We need more people as chaperons as parents do not seem keen. SY offered to assist in an emergency</p> <p>(v) Catechist Report – DP See Formation</p> <p>(vi) Finance – no report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still in the process of working out with Fr. John how he wants this done as he is more interested in our finances <p>(vii) Calendar of Events and Social Activities – SY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New pastoral administrator had forgotten (not realised) to do this <p>(viii) Social Media – MD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining the same level of engagement. Report handed out <p>(ix) CTA&F – HB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Fletcher passed away on Christmas Day. He had been a very strong supporter of Churches together, arranging all the PA equipment for events. The funeral is 19 January. • Walk of Witness – 30 March. We need a team of two young people and an adult to assist in distributing hot cross buns. 	<p>everyone know they are no longer on the master list as they are not involved at the moment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PB to develop an announcement for after Mass to advertise children’s liturgy • SY to update calendar and send out • SY to send MD calendar for YoPaV
7.	<p>Next Meeting – 8 March.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Apologies to SY</p>	
8.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Aid Week – ED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – ED will continue to be the parish liaison person but we have no one collecting from Sacred Heart in Flitwick. There are a couple in Ampthill. Discussion on difficulty in cold calling. • Christian Unity Service – DPP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – DPP cannot attend service on 21 January at Flitwick Methodist Church. SY agreed to attend • World Women’s Day of Prayer – PB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – This is on 2 March and the evening service is at Sacred Heart. PB on planning committee and is 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPP and SY to talk about collectors • SY to contact minister at Flitwick Methodists

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	<p>keen to get more to attend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50th Anniversary of Abortion Act – ED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – ED has some small notes that can be sent to the Prime minister. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SY to see if online
9.	Meeting closed with a prayer	