



Sacred Heart Church  
Parish of The Sacred Heart, Flitwick  
Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council  
Thursday, 13 September 2018

**PRESENT**

Paula Bates	Siobhan Campbell
Fr. John Danford	John Fletcher
Deacon Philip Pugh	Suzanne Yates
Roger Wilshaw	Peter Leatherland (PAC)

**APOLOGIES**

Helen Burgess	Eamonn Diver
Maggie Dullaghan	Nicky Paterson

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1	Opening prayer by Fr. John	
2	Apologies – as above	
3	Minutes were passed as a true record and <b>agreed</b> that they would be published on website.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SY to add to website</b></li> </ul>
4	<b>Matters Arising</b> None	
5	<p><b>Focus Areas</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Community</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Community Gatherings</b> NP had a meeting with DPP and looked at short-term and long- term goals. NP has suggestions of people in the villages to approach to have an afternoon tea or similar. NP will now approach these parishioners now that summer holidays are over. Maulden's afternoon tea is Sunday 16 September.</li> <li>• <b>PAC focus</b> Each parish in the pastoral area is looking at future location, communication, lay involvement and remembering. PAC day 6 October in newsletter and handout for 23 September. It will involve talks and workshops</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PL and DPP to bring to meeting on 8 November</b></li> </ul>
6	<p><b>Standing Items</b></p> <p>(i) <b>Health and Safety – JFle</b> Nothing to report, regular monthly checks continue</p> <p>(ii) <b>Safeguarding – PB</b> PB is making great strides in contacting people to do</p>	

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	<p>their DBS renewals. PB is due to meet a few people over the next two weekends and at the SVP meeting. However PB has had a few problematic DBS applications which are outstanding (various reasons and do not relate to the applicant). Rules have changed meaning a few of the roles e.g. church drivers no longer require a DBS</p> <p>(iii) <b>Children Liturgy Report – PB</b> This resumes on 9 September. After a few weeks we can comment on numbers. Looks like we will need extra helpers as not enough at the moment</p> <p>(iv) <b>Catechist Report – DP</b> The planning is underway. YouCat leaders do not wish to continue. Reconciliation will start in October and finish during Lent. First Holy Communion will start after Easter and will be celebrated at Mass on 29 June 2019</p> <p>(v) <b>Finance – DPP</b> No report – standing orders now in the newsletter each week</p> <p>(vi) <b>Calendar of Events and Social Activities – SY</b> Circulated</p> <p>(vii) <b>Social Media – MD</b> No report</p> <p>(viii) <b>CTA&amp;F – HB</b> CTA&amp;F meeting on same day as PPC meeting. All activities seem to be well attended and will continue except there will be changes to the Lenten spaces in 2019</p> <p>(ix) <b>Just One House – DPP</b> Very successful start. We now need to look for another charity to start at end of 2019 or in 2020</p> <p>(x) <b>PAC – PL</b> See early section on focus areas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All PPC to think of an area that might be a good charity</li> </ul>
7	<p><b>Next Meeting – Date changed to 15 November</b></p> <p>Meetings for 2019 will be on second Thursday of every second month</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SY to organise dates for 2019</li> </ul>

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8	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eucharistic Congress – DPP</b> It was a fantastic weekend but was very hard work at times. The procession on the Sunday was very well attended. All the parishioners of Sacred Heart who attended had a wonderful time. Each person will do a report for the newsletter as will HB on the World Meeting of Families</li> <li>• <b>Fund Raising Events - SY</b> These are all on the calendar for 2018-2019</li> <li>• <b>Review of Our Parish Without a Resident Priest – SC</b> Some discussion about welcoming and in particular an email DPP had from a visitor to our church on the Assumption saying how welcome they were made feel  Communications – need to keep looking at ways of improving and keeping in touch  Coffee time could be advertised more  Older parishioners are feeling well catered for now that Friday Mass is at 10.00 am – have a good 30-40 each week  Difficult to know how to deal with families and to have them come to Mass at the times we can offer it  We need more welcomers  Space and Growth of our church and our towns and villages – what will happen in the future  Looking ahead – Loss of families due to the 9.00 am Mass, how can we help them re-engage. This needs to be looked at when we discuss re-remembering and reach out to people who have stopped attending  What should we focus on for the future</li> <li>• <b>New Organ – Fr. JD</b> We need a new organ – the one we have cannot be repaired and it will cost £6-7,000. Fr. JD will speak to the diocese about spending this amount as the PPC has agreed for it to go ahead.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SY to add to welcome words</b></li> <li>• <b>SY to advertise in October/ November</b></li> <li>• <b>Fr. JD and DPP to look at this</b></li> <li>• <b>SC and RW to discuss where we are going</b></li> </ul>
9	<b>Meeting closed with a prayer by DPP</b>	