



Sacred Heart Church
Parish of The Sacred Heart, Flitwick
Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council
Thursday, 9 January 2020

PRESENT

Paula Bates	Helen Burgess
Fr. John Danford	John Fletcher
Peter Leatherland – PAC	Deacon Philip Pugh
Roger Wilshaw – Chair	Suzanne Yates

APOLOGIES

Maggie Dullaghan	Eamonn Diver
Diana Page	

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1	Opening prayer said by Fr. John	
2	Apologies – as above	
3	Minutes to go on website	– SY to add to website
4	Matters Arising All on agenda	
5	News The new bishop for Northampton has been appointed and it is Bishop Elect David Oakley	
6	<p>Focus Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Reaching out – approximately 2000 flyers have been distributed in Ampthill, Flitwick, Maulden and Silsoe. We have 3 new parishioners, 1 baptism and 2 other enquiries. Are there other ways to canvas the other villages? Need to look at Houghton Conquest and Marston Mortaine. Will look at spring to do this, before Easter. Need a meeting of 2/3 people to organise this. – Pray and Play – We will continue until June and then re-evaluate. Need some extra support as all helpers not always available. ❖ Formation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The God who Speaks – not had a good response so 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RW to organise meeting with DPP, SY

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	<p>far. If it does not improve need to cut one or both of the sessions. (After the meeting ended up with about 14 at each session)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our formation has dropped off – not many attending activities. Will discuss what we can do about this at the March meeting. - Reflect on doing an ALPHA course in the future - Recruiting new people is difficult as parishioners not always here on Sundays. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SY to add to March agenda all PPC to think what we can do
7	<p>Standing Items</p> <p>(i) Health and Safety – JFle There is a maintenance job list but we need to work out how to cover maintenance. Church is winter ready with bins, brooms and grit.</p> <p>(ii) Safeguarding – PB Letters of agreement about disclosure, what is done and who does what are to be sent to all who have DBS in parish. Need to have enquiries sent to SY not PB.</p> <p>(iii) Children Liturgy Report – PB Only Paula and Carmel are available to do the sessions. We keep in weekly contact and will make sure we announce ourselves before Mass. Attendance is low. On many occasions only one child. Children’s Mass sheet to have information re liturgy on it.</p> <p>(iv) Catechist Report – DPP Information going out for programme to start in the We have, at the moment, 3 for reconciliation, 10 for First Holy Communion and 8 for confirmation</p> <p>(v) Finance Pray space in Canon Frank’s room and kitchen in Canon Denis’s room are going ahead. Kitchen quotes have to go to the diocese. 100 Club – we have lost one person (10 tickets) but we have £3000 to go towards the kitchen.</p> <p>(vi) Calendar of Events and Social Activities – SY Circulated</p> <p>(vii) Social Media – MD</p> <p>(viii) CTA&F – HB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ JFle and DPP to organise maintenance cover. ▪ PB to do letter ▪ SY to change newsletter ▪ SY to add <i>Live Simply</i> to calendar

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(ix)	<p>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service – 19 January at St Peter and St Paul</p> <p>We are the planning group for the next Pentecost in the Park in Flitwick.</p> <p>We hosted the first Ecumenical discussion group in November which was a great success. The next one is planned for 30 January.</p> <p>We are also organising a retreat day at Turvey Abbey on 29 February 10.00 am – 3.00 pm for CTAF. This will advertised shortly.</p> <p>World Day of Prayer (6 March)</p> <p>Evening Worship Services in Lent 2020 – our date 22 March on The Persecuted Church</p> <p>PAC – PL</p> <p>There is a PAC Day of Reflection on 8 February to be held at Sacred Heart. Two videos will be shown at Mass on Sunday 12 January. An invitation and a prayer card will be handed out after Mass. The aim is to vitalise the parishes and people will be targeted and asked to attend.</p>	
8	<p>Next Meeting 12 March at 7.30.</p>	
9	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No extra business 	
10	<p>Meeting closed with a prayer led by DPP</p>	