



Sacred Heart Church
 Parish of The Sacred Heart, Flitwick
 Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council
 Thursday, 17 September 2020

PRESENT

Jim Aylward	Paula Bates
Helen Burgess	Deacon Philip Pugh
Roger Wilshaw – Chair	Suzanne Yates
Peter Leatherland - PAC	

APOLOGIES

Fr. John Danford	Mick Fagan
John Fletcher	John McNeil
Diana Page	

Agenda Item	Discussion/Decision	Action
1	Opening prayer said by Jim	
2	Apologies – as above	
3	Minutes of March meeting to go on website	– SY to add to website
4	Matters Arising All on agenda	
5	Focus Areas ❖ Community – RW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Discussion about what we have been doing since <i>lockdown</i> began – We seem to be good in a crisis and mobilised quickly with <i>Call & Care</i> – The online prayers were very good when we could not have Mass – People appreciated Fr. John's sermons on YouTube and then Mass before we could all go. – Did we catch all the who did not have access to technology? – Is there more we could have or should have done? – JA – most contacted by JA and MA did not want much support. We have a good data base of our parishioners – HB – Connecting and getting back to church, went well – what next? – PB – Discovered that as a church we are IT savvy. Do we need to contact anyone again? 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – RW – Who have we missed. Those not online and those not on our data base. SVP have continued to support who they can and some people have ended up with a number of people to contact and are continuing to do so as they are mainly aged and lonely. – RW – We need a subgroup to look at the unreachable parishioners and what we can do to connect to them. Where do we go in the future? We need to keep our data up to date but can only work on what we have as not all our parishioners are on the data base. Some people have reconnected to the church through live-streaming. – There are some issues about the toilets being closed and some people are anxious about the 1 metre rule and still trying to isolate. – Numbers may drop off – Who are we missing? – DPP – small contact groups in our villages, neighbourhood groups good – Challenge as we have a number of locations – RW thanked DPP, Tony Davis and SY for the work they have done getting us back to church – The Future – Christmas, Live Simply need to see what we can do. Suggested Coffee online and other opportunities for the future. DPP, RW and SY to look at this – Calendar to be prepared until Spring 2021 • LiveSimply – JA We need to think about what we will do when we come out of the pandemic. JA and DPP have developed a plan which they will circulate. Pope Francis has asked us to reflect on Living Simply and we have a moral responsibility as Christians to do this. We need to think about our <i>Common Home, others and evangelising</i>. Message of Live Simply is related to the mandated ministry • Look at what we are doing in relation to the award with CAFOD – JA • JA and Carmel and John Gallagher are developing bird boxes, bat boxes and planting bulbs. • Need to be less consuming and think about the people in the developing world. <p>RW pulled this section together with the following points.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Group to talk to SVP, John Flanagan. How to help the ones we don't see and find ways to contact. DPP to lead, SY, HB, RW and JA to join

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	<p>secretary. We are due to meet again in the early autumn. We had our last ecumenical discussion group via zoom on the theme of reaching the next generation. It went well and had a reasonable attendance.</p> <p>(ix) PAC – PL No formal meetings happening due to COVID-19 but have had a couple of informal ones. There will be a formal meeting in October. Looking to have some meetings about what is happening in the area due to the pandemic.</p> <p>(x) Pray and Play – HB Last session was on 14 June via zoom. Two families attended and we baked bread and talked about the Eucharist. We plan to resume possible in October. It's not so easy on zoom and attendance has been low. Due to lockdown we were not able to take the bird feeder and bug hotel idea on at this stage.</p>	
7	<p>Next Meeting 12 November</p>	
8	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Masses – all Masses are Sunday Mass. Some parishioners are concerned that we have lost one Mass and that we don't have a Mass on Sunday itself 	
9	<p>Meeting closed with a prayer from Pope John Paul II led by DPP</p>	