

## 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	<ul><li>SY to add to website</li></ul>
4	Matters Arising All on agenda	
5	Focus Areas	
	<ul> <li>Community – RW         <ul> <li>Discussion about what we have been doing since lockdown began</li> <li>We seem to be good in a crisis and mobilised quickly with Call &amp; Care</li> <li>The online prayers were very good when we could not have Mass</li> <li>People appreciated Fr. John's sermons on YouTube and then Mass before we could all go.</li> <li>Did we catch all the who did not have access to technology?</li> <li>Is there more we could have orc should have done?</li> <li>JA – most contacted by JA and MA did not want much support. We have a good data base of our parishioners</li> <li>HB – Connecting and getting back to church, went well – what next?</li> <li>PB – Discovered that as a church we are IT savvy. Do we need to contact anyone again?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>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 ass not all our parishioners are on the data base. Some people have reconnected to the church through live-streaming.</li> <li>There are some issues about the toilets being closed and some people are anxious about the 1 metre rule and still trying to isolate.</li> <li>Numbers may drop off</li> </ul>	■ 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
	<ul> <li>Who are we missing?</li> <li>DPP – small contact groups in our villages, neighbourhood groups good</li> <li>Challenge as we have a number of locations</li> <li>RW thanked DPP, Tony Davis and SY for the work they have done getting us back to church</li> <li>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</li> <li>Calendar to be prepared until Spring 2021</li> </ul>	
	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 Common Home, others and evangelising. Message of Live Simply is related to the mandated ministry	
	<ul> <li>Look at what we are doing in relation to the award with CAFOD – JA</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>JA and Carmel and John Gallagher are developing bird boxes, bat boxes and planting bulbs.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Need to be less consuming and think about the people in the developing word.</li> </ul>	
DDC Miles	RW pulled this section together with the following points.	nage 2

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		<ol> <li>Call &amp; Care all done in lockdown</li> <li>Develop a group to support the most isolated</li> <li>Programmes to find opportunities to get people together for Christmas</li> <li>November meeting to be on Mandated ministry</li> <li>Revise live Simply</li> </ol>	
6	Standing	Items	Need to get all
	(i)	Health and Safety – JFle  No formal report – however the annual update of risk assessments and fire safety review are scheduled for Sept/Oct together with a review of inspections etc.	documents together and make sure copy in the office SY
		The present layout and working arrangements have presented a challenge to conduct 'business' as usual, however JFle will endeavour to do a full review in the next few weeks.	
	(ii)	Safeguarding – PB There is not much going on, just one new DSB for SVP. There could be a number of disclosures in the future. It has been difficult during <i>lockdown</i> .	
	(iii)	Children Liturgy Report – PB Nothing to report due to COVID-19.	
	(iv)	Catechist Report – DPP  14 children will receive their First Holy Communion on 26 September. They have all worked very hard over <i>lockdown</i> . We will need a new lead catechist. DP will step down after the Confirmation group finishes in June 2021	
	(v)	Finance There have been ongoing costs due to COVID-19 and setting up church for live-streaming. The consumables for cleaning and sanitising have been a new cost.	
	(vi)	Calendar of Events and Social Activities – SY Circulated	
	(vii)	Social Media – MD Live-streaming events such as baptisms and funerals	
	viii)	CTA&F – HB  Need a new secretary and chair. The ministers need to get together and sort out what we can do together. All the churches are working separately but not doing anything together,  We haven't had a copy of the minutes from the last meeting I'm chasing this. CTA&F is in need of a	Who can get ministers together?

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	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.	
	(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.	
	(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.	
7	Next Meeting 12 November	
8	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	Meeting closed with a prayer from Pope John Paul II led by DPP	