



Sacred Heart Church
Parish of The Sacred Heart, Flitwick
Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council
Thursday, 19 May 2022

PRESENT

Jim Aylward	Helen Burgess
John Flanagan	Kath Greenwood
Peter Leatherland	Fr. Jerry Manomey
John McNeil	Roger Wilshaw – Chair
Cassie Wood	Suzanne Yates

APOLOGIES

Sue Barley	Hugh Davies
Siobhan Lees	

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1	Fr. Jerry opened the meeting with a musical reflection	
2	Apologies – as above	
3	Minutes of March meeting to go on website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SY to add to website
4	Matters Arising Big TVs not needed at the moment Discussion on best way to keep parishioners informed Group information on A4 sheet and up in foyer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SY and KG to organise
5	Focus Area <u>Rethink; Re-emerge; Renew – Introduction</u> 1. <i>Appendix One sets out the feedback we had and the suggestions parishioners made. The work suggested that we had achieved a lot during lockdown – we need to build on it, don't lose it or just go back to how things were. People felt we should also get back to normal as soon as its safe to – a priority is restoring tea and coffee after Mass</i> <u>What we've done since – Synod Response</u> 2. <i>Since the renew work we have carried out a further listening exercise as part of our response to the Synod. The Synod called for us to reflect on four questions:</i>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What does it mean to you to be Catholic?• What are some of your experiences of the Church doing something well?• What are some of your experiences of when things have not gone well?• What is your dream for the Church? <p>3. We conducted two focus groups and received 10 email responses and one phone response. We also fed in the renew findings as they covered similar turf. <u>Seeking more feedback.</u></p> <p>4. At the PPC meeting in March we agreed that we should seek wider views from the Parish on the renew findings. <u>What the survey told us</u></p> <p>5. We had 12 responses which are summarised below:</p> <table><tr><th>Question</th><th>Agree it's a priority</th><th>Disagree – not a priority</th><th>Volunteer to help</th></tr><tr><td>We agreed to try to start some more sociable activities (fun things for young people / walking club/families opportunity to connect). What do you think?</td><td>11</td><td>0</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>We agreed we should explore how we support those who need to talk to somebody – we have a dedicated phone number but we may need to publicise it more widely. What do you think?</td><td>12</td><td>0</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>We agreed we should enhance the support we give to those who are bereaved. What do you think?</td><td>11</td><td>0</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>We should find ways to involve children more in the Mass. What do you think?</td><td>12</td><td>0</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>We should continue to strengthen the model of lay leadership we have used and look for opportunities to grow our lay leadership.</td><td>12</td><td>0</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>We agreed we should find a way to publicise what the parish offers and who to contact for help (perhaps photos of volunteers on the wall or a series of leaflets). What do you think?</td><td>10</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>We should encourage those who feel the Parish decision making process is not</td><td>10</td><td>1</td><td>0</td></tr></table>	Question	Agree it's a priority	Disagree – not a priority	Volunteer to help	We agreed to try to start some more sociable activities (fun things for young people / walking club/families opportunity to connect). What do you think?	11	0	2	We agreed we should explore how we support those who need to talk to somebody – we have a dedicated phone number but we may need to publicise it more widely. What do you think?	12	0	1	We agreed we should enhance the support we give to those who are bereaved . What do you think?	11	0	2	We should find ways to involve children more in the Mass . What do you think?	12	0	1	We should continue to strengthen the model of lay leadership we have used and look for opportunities to grow our lay leadership.	12	0	1	We agreed we should find a way to publicise what the parish offers and who to contact for help (perhaps photos of volunteers on the wall or a series of leaflets). What do you think?	10	0	0	We should encourage those who feel the Parish decision making process is not	10	1	0	
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	<p><i>inclusive enough to join the PPC or feed into their work. What do you think?</i></p> <p>6. <i>In short, all the priorities were endorsed (although it's a very small base).</i></p> <p>7. <i>We had volunteers to get involved in all the activities except:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a. Publicising what the parish offers</i> <i>b. Making the PPC more inclusive – people didn't see this as a problem</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Youth involvement in Mass.</i> • <i>Youth group and post Confirmation</i> • <i>Bible study on a regular basis</i> • <i>Walking group</i> • <i>House groups</i> • <i>Fund raising for the parish.</i> <p><u>Recommendation</u></p> <p>8. <i>I recommend that we contact those who have volunteered to help and ask them to lead on each priority. Do you agree? Will somebody volunteer to do this?</i></p> <p>9. <i>Nobody volunteered to help with publicising what the parish offers – shall we put that on hold?</i></p> <p>10. <i>Should we do anything else</i> as a result of these findings?</p> <p>May 2022</p> <p>Idea to advertise all volunteers on noticeboard.</p> <p>What other things do we need? – IT person, someone for PAC and Children's Liturgy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All PPC to look at ways of doing this for next meeting • ALL PPC to think of what we need
6	<p>Standing Items</p> <p>(i) PAC No rep at the moment</p> <p>(ii) Health and Safety – HD Nothing new to report</p>	

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	<p>(iii) Safeguarding – PB No safeguarding issues to report. PB has four DBS applications outstanding that she is speaking to volunteers about.</p> <p>(iv) Children Liturgy Report – PB Nothing new to report. KG and PB to organise helpers</p> <p>(v) Catechist Report. Both FHC and Confirmation programmes are progressing. Some comments about Confirmation programme as it was not developed by any of those involved at the moment. When we do the next Confirmation it should be developed by those who will run it. Special thanks to the confirmation catechists, Dee Brady, Kath Greenwood, Noreen Weighell and Carmel Gallagher</p> <p>(vi) Finance – Hugh Davies The Appeal .The appeal for money has increased our standing orders by over £100 per week. The bad news is that our gas and electricity bill is likely to go from circa £1200 a year to circa £2800.</p> <p>(vii) Calendar of Events and Social Activities – SY. New calendar sent out</p> <p>(viii) Social Media Still need to be progressed</p> <p>(ix) CTA&F – HB 20 people attended the last meeting. Tea, coffee and croissants were available at the start of the meeting. Thank you to all who supported the Big Brekkie last Saturday, it was a lovely morning and we raised £317 for Christian Aid. Our next Churches Together meeting will take place on Saturday 18 June at 9.00 am in Methodist church Flitwick.</p> <p>(x) Living Simply JA Walk for Water to be held on 18 June</p> <p>(xi) SVP – JF We continue with our work of befriending and supporting those in need. We contact people through telephone calls and personal visits. We also undertake shopping, knock and drops, transport assistance and a variety of other activities according to need. Some of our beneficiaries receive almost daily support. We meet weekly to pray together and to plan and share our work. We organised a very well supported ‘Soup for</p>	

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	<p>Sudan”lunch and raised £633 and took our turn in running the Village Hall coffee morning.</p> <p>We have supported two charity runs to Ukraine and have donated £300 to the SVP Ukraine Support Fund and £200 to the SVP COVID Relief Fund.</p> <p>Next activity is the Mass for the Sick on Friday 17th June to which all are welcome</p>	
7	<p>Meetings 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meetings to change to third Thursday of the month. Next meeting will be 16 June as AGM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This too soon so RW and SY to sort out a date
8	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sacred Heart Flitwick 40th anniversary events. Hugh has found music for a Mass of The Sacred Heart which he will start teaching people from this Sunday perhaps learning one new part every few weeks so that my June we have learned the whole Mass. The booklets are ready. The list for Walsingham is being completed. Information on the French pilgrimage will be ready shortly. We are looking for volunteers to stain the sheds to make the grounds look tidier. Men’s Breakfast – to be held in July RW to retire in join so need anew chair ASAP Fr. Jerry thanked all who worked so hard to make our Easter celebration a success RW presented SY with a hamper to thank her for the work she has done as chair of the PPC. She is stepping down and will be replaced by Siobhan Lees. 	
9	Meeting closed with a prayer led by FJM	