

Minutes for PPC Meeting Tuesday 15th November 2023

Item	Description
1.	<p>The meeting opened with a prayer Apologies - Chris Doyle</p>
2.	<p>Present - Father, Jean Bell, John Mears, Caroline Mottram, Sarina Bloor, Steve James</p>
3.	<p>PPC Officers for the next year After discussion it was decided that for next year <i>Caroline Mottram</i> would be re-elected Chair, <i>John Mears</i> would be Vice- Chair and <i>Sarina Bloor</i> would be Secretary.</p> <p>Fr. Peter said that with only six elected PPC members it would be necessary to modify the length a PPC officer would be unable to be re-elected to the same office after completing their term from 5 years to 3 years.</p>
4.	<p>Matters arising from previous minutes –</p> <p>If the community room was rented out, there would have to be a risk assessment, public liability insurance and a contract with the Diocese.</p> <p>It was decided that the room was not to be used or advertised for outside use. Parish activities would be acceptable.</p>
5.	<p>Christmas arrangements – Proposed masses – Christmas Eve - Sunday morning mass as usual – 10:30am. First mass of Christmas (Sunday evening- Christmas Eve) - 7.30pm. Sarina to provide mince pies and mulled wine for a social gathering after mass. Monday - Christmas Day Mass - 10am</p> <p>Church cleaning - Wednesday 13th December 2pm. Volunteers asked to help.</p> <p>The family who has customarily been erecting and putting away the Christmas Tree and Crib is to be approached again and will be helped by two PPC members and family.</p>
6.	<p>Our Mission Together – OMT</p> <p>With regard to the money allocated for a choir teacher at Christ the King School, permission has come through from the OMT steward committee. The money has now been transferred to the school.</p> <p>On All Saints Day, the children from Christ the King School came to church for mass. It was felt that this was a positive experience and would be something worth doing again to increase links/ familiarity with the church.</p>

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	<p>Father contacted finance from the diocese about paying someone to run children's liturgy and be a liaison between the choir children (school) and church. Next step is to apply to Stewardship Committee for permission to employ someone.</p>
7.	<p>Co-ordinating support for Children.</p> <p>Craft club is going well but finds it difficult to attract parents or children from the school. However, it was felt that it was a worthwhile social occasion.</p> <p>Catechetical ideas were discussed linked to the children attending mass at the moment. It was thought that we should be trying to get to know / communicate with families.</p>
8.	<p>Synod Report –</p> <p>This was seen as a disappointment. The language used in particular was overcomplicated and hard to understand. It also looked as though ideas had been discussed but nothing concrete had been decided upon.</p>
9.	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p><u>Toy Sunday</u> - 2nd Sunday of Advent (10th December) Parishioners to be asked to donate an unwrapped toy to be given to a charity to wrap and disperse to those in need.</p> <p><u>New to the area?</u> Posters have been on the Church website. John printed A5 copies. Suggested posting them through new build house letter boxes in the Parish area. It was agreed to print some black and white copies.</p> <p>3 areas were to be targeted first:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Lyme Green2. Gaw End3. Langley <p>The question was asked, could we ask people to join in with the Gloria at the beginning of mass? It was suggested that Steve and Father would begin encouraging the congregation to join in in the new year.</p> <p>The idea is to eventually move onto the Gloria produced by Pat Brady. John suggested asking a musician friend to record an instrumental backing track to help people sing.</p>

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	<p>A suggestion was made to have a celebration for our parish community, in the summer when the weather was warmer. This will be carried forward to a future PPC meeting nearer the time.</p>
10.	<p>Date of next meeting: Tuesday 16th Jan. The meeting closed with the parish prayer led by the Chair:</p>