

Minutes for PPC Meeting Tuesday 16th January 2024

Item	Description
1.	<p>Apologies - Jean Bell</p>
2.	<p>Present - Fr. Peter, Caroline Mottram, Chris Doyle, John Mears, Steve James, Sarina Bloor</p>
3.	<p>The chair opened the meeting with a prayer.</p>
4.	<p>Matters arising from previous minutes from 15th November</p> <p>It was noted that Christmas arrangements went to plan.</p>
5.	<p>Promotion of Parish</p> <p>John has delivered fliers to the Lavender Fields estate and Caroline has delivered to Silk Waters Green (next to Henshaw's) but not to the whole estate. It was agreed to continue this. In addition to this, a consideration was made to place an advert in Local People magazine. Other locations to advertise were discussed. These were: Macclesfield library, the Co-op, and Tesco.</p> <p>Also, to promote the parish and foster stronger links with CTK school, it was proposed that we run an Easter colouring competition. Every child would be invited to create a picture depicting Easter (within their RE lesson) with St Edward's Church providing a small prize for each Key Stage to be awarded in Church. The pictures to be created in a collage to display in church/ school. Caroline to ask the school if they wish to go ahead with this and Chris Doyle to arrange entry sheets.</p>
6.	<p>Ministers of Holy Communion for the sick/house bound</p> <p>There are a number of parishioners in this position and it is expected this number will rise. Arrangements for three parishioners have already been made (Jean Bell and Chris Doyle involved in this). This will ease the time commitment for Fr Peter but ideally, more ministers are needed.</p>

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7.	<p>OMT donation</p> <p>It was confirmed that CTK school has received the £1080 donation towards music lessons. SJ advised that this is going well and that the children visited St Barnabus Church Hall to take part in and provide music for the Christingle service. Enquiries have been made to the music teacher and the plan is to do something similar at St Edward's Church as well.</p>
8.	<p>Lenten Arrangements</p> <p>Ash Wednesday: Mass in church at 11:30am and in the Community Room at 7pm Service in school (TBC)</p> <p>Stations of the Cross: In church after 11:30am mass, on Fridays</p> <p>Church cleaning: Wednesday 20th March, 2pm</p> <p>Easter Masses: Maundy Thursday, 7pm Good Friday, 3pm Easter Vigil, time TBC Easter Sunday, 10:30am</p>
9.	<p>Introduction of new translation</p> <p>Planning for the introduction of the new translation of the Scriptures and the changing of the readings was discussed. It was understood that many things would need to be altered but that nothing could be put in place until nearer the time for publication. The new translation is to be used from the 1st Sunday of Advent and is the 'English Standard Version' or ESV for short.</p>
10.	<p>Shortlist & Interview Panel for Children's Catechist</p>

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	<p>To date we have had no applications for this position but the closing date is not until 28th Jan. Even if we have only 1 applicant it was agreed that we should have a panel to review the application and have an informal interview with them. This would be to discuss expectations for the role and get their view on how things would work best. It was agreed that the panel should be Fr Peter, Caroline and 1 other, possibly Jean Bell.</p>
11.	<p>AOB</p> <p>BP to join the Finance Committee</p>
12.	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>Tuesday 12th March</p>
13.	<p>Fr Peter closed the meeting with a prayer.</p>