



## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

### Minutes of AGM 18 September 2019

Present: Lorraine Coulter (LC), Deacon Anthony Carey (AC), Baz Carpenter (BC), Jillian Wilce (JW), Carole Bryant (CB), Mary Stocker (MSt) and Joanna Bowery (JB)

	Agenda Item	Action
1.	LC welcomed everybody and AC opened the meeting with a prayer.	
2.	Apologies were noted from: Paul Doherty and Father Mark Skelton.	
3.	Minutes of last meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MSk questioned who the SLT behind the strategic plan is made up of and asked how a document could be written by an SLT if it's not yet been appointed. AC explained that the strategic document is a draft and will be authored by the SLT when its membership has been appointed. MSt conjectured that to say a document is authored by a team that doesn't exist seems a bit disingenuous. She proposed that in future we should state that a document is written by x and y to be verified by a team at a future date.</li> </ul>	
4	Safeguarding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- JB reported that we are slowly going through safeguarding updates. She noted that either Erin or herself would be attending the SVP meeting on 1 October to help with DBS renewals, which are due for all our SVP chapter.</li> </ul>	
5	Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- JB reported that there was nothing unexpected in our quarter-year accounts. Giving is slightly up on budget, but this trend in increased summer giving perhaps reflects our visitor numbers over the holidays. The biggest issue we face is that we continue to haemorrhage money on buildings maintenance. AC noted that just increasing our giving is not enough. JW advocated looking at the assets we have and how we can use them more fruitfully and asked if we could not have earned more by letting Shaldon presbytery privately? AC reassured her that he had posed the same question at the time. However, the Parish didn't / doesn't have the money to pay for all the work needed to bring it into a suitable state to let privately.</li> <li>- CB asked if now is the time to say to parishioners that if we</li> </ul>	BC/LC to speak to Father Mark about setting an annual date to talk to parishioners about our financial position.  JB to include something in the Parish newsletter



	<p>don't do something about our finances now, we could face losing a church? BC pointed out that in the two years he has attended St Ignatius he has never heard anything about the Parish finances and proposed that we hold set aside a day each year to set out the financial situation to parishioners in all churches and ask congregations what they are going to do about it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- LC noted that we still need people with financial expertise to join the finance committee and that the Finance Committee still lacks a chair.</li> </ul>	<p>advertising for people with financial skills/expertise to join Finance Committee.</p>
6.	<p>Buildings/organ appeal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- LC reported that organ fundraising for OLSP has generated around £12k (including legacies). AC mentioned that the organ in Dawlish needs some attention, so if fundraising for OLSP exceeded the target, perhaps money could be put aside to sort out the Dawlish organ.</li> </ul>	
7	<p>Parish Strategy / Alpha</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Alpha course is likely to run in January so it doesn't clash with Christmas or with the course that the Baptist Church is currently running in Teignmouth. There has been quite a lot of interest. MSt asked if Youth Alpha would lead into confirmation, and, if so, do we need to look at dates to book the Bishop.</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	<p>JB to check with MSk about Youth Alpha and confirmation dates re booking Bishop.</p>
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CB outlined that the Events Group has planned something for every month until January:</li> <li>- 29<sup>th</sup> September – Harvest. Fr Eric has asked if we could bring the food up in a procession and have it blessed.</li> <li>- 18<sup>th</sup> October – Cheese, wine and chocolate night in the Narthex at St Michael's Tickets will cost £15</li> <li>- 15<sup>th</sup> November All Saints' Got Talent 7:30pm at St Agatha's</li> <li>- 7<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Bazaar at St Agatha's 10am-2pm</li> <li>- January – Silent auction with cheese and wine.</li> <li>- JW noted that Treyarnon is booked from 28<sup>th</sup> February until 1<sup>st</sup> March.</li> <li>- JW asked if we could do a blessing of pets, perhaps on October 4<sup>th</sup>, or if not, on any other date. AC responded that it would be nice to look at services we could do outside of Mass to invite others to the church.</li> </ul>	
9	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AC noted that the minutes of meetings are often online, but asked if we could ensure they are put on noticeboards in all churches.</li> </ul>	
10.	<p>The meeting closed with a prayer.</p>	



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