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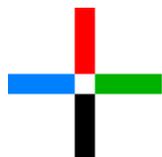


PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes of PPC Meeting 22 January 2020

Present: Father Mark Skelton (MSk), Deacon Anthony Carey (AC), Lorraine Coulter (LC), Lorraine Thornton (LT), Paul Doherty (PD), Baz Carpenter (BC), Jillian Wilce (JW), Carole Bryant (CB), Mary Stocker (MSt) and Joanna Bowery (JB)

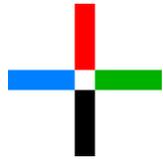
	Agenda Item	Action
1.	MSK welcomed everybody and opened the meeting with a prayer.	
2.	No apologies	
3.	Minutes of last meeting. - Agreed	
4	Safeguarding - Nothing new.	
5	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MSk noted that the Finance Committee is no nearer to appointing a new Chair. - MSk reported that BC is preparing to speak at the end of Mass about the Parish's financial situation. - BC explained that nobody seems to know about how dire the financial situation is and that perhaps we need to be more brutal with the facts. - PPC members discussed the timing of BC's report to parishioners. BC wondered if the original idea of the end of February might be too soon. It was agreed that it would be sensible for this to take place at the start of the new financial year so that BC can report the most up-to-date figures. - BC read his first draft to the PPC and asked for feedback. - MSt said his account is very hard hitting, but actually we need it. She added that society has changed and people don't carry cash in the way they used to so promoting a standing order is absolutely key. She suggested providing parishioners an incentive to take out a standing order, such as a coffee card, so you get a free coffee if you pay by standing order. - PD suggested amending the talk slightly to focus on the fact that a standing order enables the Parish to better plan and budget rather than on the consistency of giving. He also suggested including a plea for parishioners with finance skills to step up and help by joining the Finance Committee. 	<p>BC to slightly amend his draft finance talk for Parishioners. JB to provide BC with accounts for the past two years.</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- JW noted that although the Parish has heard about the financial situation, the urgency of the situation needs to be heard.- BC expressed concern that the Finance Committee doesn't actually make any decisions and so if the Diocese comes in and tells us we need rewiring, we have to do it even if that impacts on our finances. He then added his apologies as he had to leave the meeting early for another commitment.- MSk thanks BC for attending and sharing his draft talk.	
6.	<p>Buildings/organ appeal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- MSk reported that rewiring in the presbytery is underway. This work needed to be undertaken because the existing wiring is obsolete and the electricity was tripping regularly. He added that fire doors were also required to bring our buildings up to fire standards. However other than these projects, the moratorium on building projects continues.	
7	<p>Parish Strategy / Alpha</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Youth Alpha course for Confirmation candidates starts this Sunday (26th January).- MSk said that from the Parish Alpha we will develop connect groups across the Parish. In addition, there is work taking place on prayer Ministry, which has emanated from the Parish Vision Day. He noted that Divine Renovation is about finding as many ways as we can for people to be involved in the Parish.- JW asked how many candidates were preparing for First Holy Communion this year and asked if it might be possible for Confirmation candidates to pair up with First Holy Communion candidates as they prepare to make their Sacraments in the Summer. She suggested that Confirmation candidates could do things like support the First Holy Communion candidates through their First Reconciliation.- MSk agreed that this was a great idea and would work well.	JW and MSk to pair up Confirmation and First Holy Communion candidates.
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- CB updated the PPC on planned events for the coming months.- A Silent Auction is planned for 7th February which will raise funds to support the Parish trip to Treynon.- JW noted that Treynon has always been self-sufficient and the Parish has only previously subsidised one or two parishioners with the money raised through Nic and Hilary's quizzes contributing to the cost.- On Shrove Tuesday the events group is organising pancakes for after Mass where everyone would be invited to bring a topping.- The Big All Saints Quiz night will take place at St Agatha's Hall	



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	<p>on 14th March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The events group is making flower arrangements to sell at the back of church on Mothering Sunday.- And in May, there will be a street party to celebrate VE Day on 8th May where everyone will be invited to dress up in the style of the era and to bring food from the time. Parishioners from St Michael's are also being invited.- Father's Day and First Holy Communion events will take place in June.	
9	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- MSk announced that Cath Renouf has been appointed as the new Parish Secretary.	
10.	<p>The meeting closed with a prayer.</p>	