

PARISH MEETING MINUTES

10TH JULY 2018 at 7.00 pm

Present: Father Paul Lomas (FP), Christine Bodley (CB), Cath Cohen (CC), Anne Dennison (AD), Joan Bleackley (JB), Collette McAndry (CM), Julian Cearns (JC), Paul Kirrane (PK), Tony McCarthy (TM)

Apologies Denise Hardman (DH), Carole McCann (CMC), Delia Lucas (DL),

1. Fr Lomas opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th June 2018 were read, signed and accepted as a true record
3. **Matters Arising**

Matters arising were dealt with in the appropriate section

4. LITURGY

4.1 **Extra Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers.** FP has arranged a meeting on the 24th July for those E.M.s who take Holy Communion to those at home or in hospital. We need to assess the number of EMs visiting; who is being seen and by whom; who goes to the hospice/hospital and who is not being visited. FP wants a system so that we can be assured Holy Communion is taken to those who have asked for a visit. The meeting is open to those who do not currently visit but are willing to do so and those who may want to be an E.M.

4.2 Saturdays Vigil Mass – Discussed the shortage of EMs, especially when Fr Mike is celebrating Mass- it was decided that when there are no other EMs present it would be sufficient to just have the 2, one for each kind and both to be in the centre.

5. YOUTH

5.1 Confirmation for the LPA is to be celebrated at Christ Church on Friday 13th July. We will bring chairs from the hall for the sides and side Altars. F P to request help at the end of the Ceremony to take them back to the hall, where refreshments will be available. Catechists in the porch to distribute order of service and direct candidates and sponsors to the front seats (St Ann's on the right, Christ Church and St Chads on the left. 4 EMs – 2 from Christ Church and one each from St Ann's & St Chad's

6. SAFE GUARDING

6.1 Following the meeting on the 24th we may have to apply to the Diocesan safeguarding office for new visiting EMs

7. JUSTICE AND PEACE

7.1 CC reported that the focus on the Myanmar Rohingya Refugees was well presented with the aid of the rep from "All We Can" who brought material and posters. However, few people engaged with us; some helpers felt we hadn't anything to attract children, as we have had in previous years.

7.2 Seven of us completed "Share the Journey" walk on the 16th June totalling 25 miles which was uploaded to CAFODs totalizer and the target has been achieved.

7.3 Katie Hallows, the CAFOD Community Participation Coordinator – Shrewsbury, has been in touch and is arranging a meeting for volunteers.

8. LPA/ DEANERY

Nothing to report apart from Confirmation above

9. MAINTENANCE

9.1 McQuillans have replaced the spotlight on the Altar, floodlight on the garage door and pull switch in the house.

9.2 The Organ has been retuned

9.3 Tenders are going out, from the Diocese, for heating and tarmacking – using local people.

9.4 Previously we have used someone who travels far to clean the gutters but now the Diocese has someone who charges the same, so we will use the one from the Diocese.

9.5 A pane of glass is broken in the disabled toilet – we will get Lightfoots to replace it.

10 PARISH HALL

10.1 CM reported that the stand for the water heater is not high enough to get the large teapot under. Suggestion consider moving it to near the sink, where the old one was, and see if we can connect it to the water supply. We will also look into what other churches have.

10.2 An enquiry was made re hiring for a preschool group, but the decision was we haven't the facilities for storage etc.

10.3 The Hall has been hired for a party on the 9th September, paid in advance

11 ECUMENISM

11.1 Jacob has been inducted as the new minister at St Catherine's

11.2 A Methodist minister has been appointed but he has other churches in Wythenshawe so may not have time for CTHG.

11.3 FP will continue as chair, of CTHG, until October

12 SOCIALS

12.1 Harvest Festival 22nd September – suggest we hold something, after Vigil Mass, with a Raffle/Quiz.

12.2 Father Mike's 80th Birthday party on Saturday 6th October.

13 FUND RAISING

We had a good response to Father David's appeal thanks will go in the newsletter.

Parish Drawer Winners

1st Prize No. 160 Dennis Donohue

2nd Prize No. 73 Mike Handley

14. Any other notified business/correspondence:

CB suggested we make a garden space in the corner, outside the counting room. For Father Paul and Andrea to sit in privacy. The idea was well received and supported by committee members. We will wait until the tarmacking has been done and look into possibilities – artificial grass, benches, table, flowers pots?

15. Date of Next Meeting

No meeting in August

Tuesday 4th September 7.pm

The meeting ended with a prayer