

PARISH MEETING MINUTES
14th February 2017 at 7.00 pm

Present: Angela Dennehy (ADy), Ann Taylor(AT), Christine Bodley (CB), Joan Bleackley (JB), Cath Cohen(CC), Ruth Hamilton (RH) Collette McAndry, Denise Hardman (DH), Delia Lucas (DL)

Apologies: Father Paul Lomas (FP), Anne Dennison

1. Fr Lomas was unable to attend the meeting due to his cataract operation so Joan acted as chair – she opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting held on December 6th & January 17th were read and accepted as a true record with the addition of apologies for the January meeting from Ann Taylor.

3. Matters Arising

Matters arising were dealt with in the appropriate section

4. LITURGY

- 4.1 Lent – information was limited by FP's absence
- 4.2 Lent Study – see report from CTHG
- 4.3 Children's Liturgy – increase in numbers was noted, probably due to it now taking place regularly. Items had been purchased, as previously agreed, CD player, stationery items, carpet squares.
- 4.4 Mass Intentions were discussed. It is not apparent when a mass is being said at the request of a parishioner, either verbally during the mass or in the newsletter. This will be discussed with FP.

Action: FP

- 4.4 Newsletter production costs were discussed. Colour printing costs £1350 per year more than mono printing. Consensus was to recommend mono printing. **Action: FP to decide**
- 4.5 Mass Sheets– We order 350 per week and use less than 250 at a cost of 7p each, so we could save £360 per annum if we reduced the order to 250. **Action: FP to decide**

5. YOUTH

Still getting numbers - Confirmation set for 16th June at Our Lady's – Our Lady's and St. Ambrose are included in our LPA group again. Number at St Anne's is low.

6. CHILD PROTECTION

No progress had been made on the appointment of a new person to oversee Child Protection.

Action: FP to seek replacement for Collette McAndry.

7. JUSTICE AND PEACE

AT gave a report. There will be a J&P stall at the Heald Green Festival in June, with a theme of Fair Trade. Our church is registered as a Fair Trade church but we are not promoting the use of fair trade products, which should be improved. AT will obtain posters and resources towards this aim. CAFOD family fast day is Friday 10th March and their literature suggests a simple soup lunch with a chance to reflect on some of the issues in the leaflets. There was support for trying this initiative in the parish.

Action: Advertise Simple Soup lunch 10th March. RH/CC

8. LPA/ DEANERY

8.1 The LPA day of recollection will take place on Saturday 18th March at Cheadle Junior school. The theme this year is water of life. The service of reconciliation will take place on Sunday the 19th March at 5 p.m. at Christ Church. Full minutes will be forwarded when they arrive.

9. MAINTENANCE

9.1 Door repair – One external and one internal porch door had been repaired by Midland Springs. The mechanisms are old and have to be reengineered by the company which is the only one in the UK, as far as we know, to be able to do this. We have 5 pairs of doors with the Parwinac mechanism. The cost for the 2 doors was £1400. The company would service all 10 doors for £4,200. FP does not feel we can afford to have all the doors serviced.

9.2 Porch cupboards & Piety shelves – Paul Kirrane has fitted the door catches and shelves.

9.3 Top Soil – due this week if the lorry is fixed.

9.4 Appeal for Volunteers – Joan’s heartfelt appeal in January was well received and around 30 names were given for a variety of jobs. All have been contacted and we need to move forward and make use of their skills.

9.5 Access to the stairs to the choir loft was discussed. Each of the weekend masses sees adults and children using the choir area. It was felt this was inappropriate and the stairs should be made out of bounds with a rope across the bottom, on health & safety grounds at least. **Action: FP to decide**

9.6 The replacement font is at long last installed. A matching bowl has also been promised.

10. PARISH HALL

10.1 Football Wednesday mornings – now ceased due to lack of numbers

10.2 Serra Meetings – 1st & 3rd Thursdays in Hall at 7:30pm.

10.3 Ladies Meetings – 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 8pm in winter from and including September to March the meetings will be 2 – 4 in the afternoons.

10.4 Water heater – has given descale error but the water quality is generally good. Mark has flushed the tank several times and it seems to be ok but needs monitoring.

10.5 Plumbing in Gents toilet – flow set at lowest level but difficult to adjust. Water usage will be increased but there are few options that don’t include costs to change some of the plumbing

10.6 A spring clean event was proposed starting with the Hall, particularly the kitchen and the storage areas, on Saturday March 11th starting at 10am. **Action: Advertise date in Newsletter RH/CC**

11. ECUMENISM

DH read a summary of the Churches Together in Heald Green meeting on 12th January. The Lenten Study launch is 26th February 6:30pm in Christ Church Hall. The weekly sessions are St Catherine’s Monday at 2pm; Brown Lane Monday at 7pm; Christ Church Tuesday 2pm; Life Church Tuesday 8pm. Sessions are Journey into Wilderness; Remembrance of God’s name; Fasting; Creed; and Crucified Jew.

12. SOCIALS

12.1 Seniors Party Report – the event went well and was enjoyed by all. The details of the cost and organisation are summarised on a separate sheet.

13. FUND RAISING

13.1 Priests Retirement Fund Collection raised £969.28 (last year £652.50)

13.2 Appeal by Comboni Sisters next weekend with Sister Natalia at all the masses.

13.3 Parish Draw February – 1st Prize No. 36 Angela Dennehy, 2nd Prize No 60 Theresa Waldren

14. Any other notified business/correspondence:

14.1 Swinging Affair 29th April – buffet **Action:** check with Father Paul

14.2 Letter from Cheadle Infants School re shortfall in their contribution to the diocese for buildings – this was discussed and received sympathetically. A meeting of the LPA clergy is soon to take place.

14.3 Email from Chris Bester re Marriage celebration at CC in Autumn was read and received a mixed reception.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday March 21st at 7pm in Meeting Room

The meeting ended with a prayer