

PARISH MEETING MINUTES

17th April 2018 at 7.00 pm

Present: Father Paul Lomas (FP), Christine Bodley (CB), Cath Cohen(CC), Anne Dennison (AD), Joan Bleackley (JB), Carole McCann (CMC), Delia Lucas(DL), Paul Kirrane(PK) , Collette McAndry(CM), ,Ann Lyth(AL), , Denise Hardman(DH)

Apologies Julian Cearn(JC)

1. Fr Lomas opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th March 2018 were read, amended, signed and accepted as a true record

3. Matters Arising

Matters arising were dealt with in the appropriate section

4. LITURGY

4.1 The Altar Cloths are due next week. We will send a thankyou card when received. **Action: CC.**

4.2 Deacon Pete found the travelling was a problem – he will have consultations regarding his next post; we wish him well.

4.3 Lent Course – 40 Stories of Hope – was most enjoyable, good sessions and discussions.

4.4 Stations of the Cross on Good Friday showed images of the Passion – it was well received, prayerful and reflective, though it was a longer time sitting.

4.5. Holy Week and Easter

JB keeps a record of Communicants, only, not attendance

	Last year	This year
Vigil Mass	100	160
9AM	115	100
11AM	140	150

Triduum

Last Supper & Good Friday	385	364
Easter Vigil	80	110
Easter Sunday 9am	210	190
Easter Sunday 11am	315	250

JB commented that a good example of the decrease in numbers, especially children, were the number of Easter Eggs left.

CB reported that, apart from the Choir, only 8 people went to the hall for the refreshments, Hot Cross Buns & drink. Considered whether it was with having the Vigil at 7pm meant people wanted to get back for their tea. Questioned if at 7pm next year is it worth the effort?

Keeping Watch in church – Good Friday

A parishioner, David, kept vigil overnight – he went home at 6.30 am. We should try and encourage others – how can we reinvigorate it; do something reflective; have a list for people to sign up to a time to stay?

4.8 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage – suggested we book a coach if enough want to join the procession on the Sunday 9th September. Has been in the newsletter since Easter Sunday but no response as up until now.

4.9 First Holy Communion – there is a good number who will be making their First Holy Communion over the next 2 Saturdays at 11am.

5. YOUTH

5.1 2nd Confirmation session this coming Saturday. We are disappointed at the number who attended for Holy Thursday. We ask them to come up for the washing of the feet and there were only 11. We have 24 candidates.

6. SAFE GUARDING

6.1 CMC – is processing the check on a Eucharistic Minister who wants to take Communion to a house bound parishioner.

7. JUSTICE AND PEACE

7.1 We held the meeting here on the 10th April, 2 others from CC attended, it went well and agreed we will have a stall at Heald Green Festive and will focus on refugees- the Methodist Church are seeking the posters etc.

7.2 CC mentioned CAFOD's guide to Pope Francis' "Share the Journey" a global campaign for the rights of people on the move. It involves having a group walk and you multiply the distance by the number of people taking part and entering the total on the website – Pope Francis is aiming to reach 24.900 miles (the distance around the whole world). It was suggested we do it on Saturday 16th June and meet at church after 10am Mass

8.LPA/ DEANERY

Nothing to report

9.MAINTENANCE

9.1 The Diocese sent someone to measure the windows, in the house, so they can be done while FP is away. They also looked at doing the Tarmac around the hall. Suggested we ask them to look at having it ramped by the door.

The heating system, in the house, is also being looked at.

9.2 JB reported the toilet window never seems to 'click' shut and could be a security risk. **Action: PK to have a look**

9.3 McQuillans had to come in to repair a leak, in the radiator in church, and lights

9.4 FP had a quote re a telephone system that works on the 'internet' so you can have 4 phone which can make and receive calls on all 4 independently – unlimited calls & mobile, runs on BT cost £75pm.

We need to check what we are paying now and consider it.

9.5 FP had information regarding a card payment system. He thought it was something we should consider for such as the piety stall, special collections etc when people haven't got cash on them. It is wireless and costs £20 p.m. and a 1.5% of transactions. The decision was to leave it for now.

JB mentioned that the Procession Cross has a stand that doesn't fit properly; it needs to be tight fitting to hold it securely. **Action: PK to have a look**

10 PARISH HALL

No issues

11 ECUMENISM

URC hold a monthly coffee morning on Saturdays.

There will be an Interfaith event on Tuesday 24th April at St Cath's – we will put a notice in the porch and in the newsletter.

12 SOCIALS

Race Night – need to sell more horses & 3 more sponsors, we have 5 sponsored. Need eight bottles of wine, for prizes; bingo tickets; to let other churches know.

Peter Burns will do the comparing.

Agreed 50/50 split for hall and Wellspring.

Entrance fee is a tin of food.

PK has offered to help.

Action: FP providing some wine, CB newsletter, CC notify other churches

13 FUND RAISING

Good Friday collection for Holy places was down from last year – it was suggested that in future we have the basket/s in the porch held by those welcoming or at the end- opinion by many was that it isn't really noticed when going to kiss the Cross/ for Communion and at those times people aren't thinking of money.

Parish Drawer Winners

First Prize Number 153 Robert Symms
Second Prize Number 29 Anne Byrne

14. Any other notified business/correspondence:

Eucharistic Ministers situation. KP reported we are struggling at the Vigil and 9am masses. It was agreed that we could just have one minister for the Host, considering the numbers that attend. JB commented that there has been an increase in the number of ministers not turning up & thought it was to do with not having a printed list for every individual in the porch. CC reported that when that was done there were still several that were never picked up. Currently they are emailed out and printed copies available for ministers to take on the notice board in the porch in addition to the spreadsheet showing the 3 roles for each mass.

15. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 29th May 7.pm

The meeting ended with a prayer