

PARISH MEETING MINUTES
17th October 2017 at 7.00 pm

Present: Father Paul Lomas (FP), Christine Bodley (CB), Cath Cohen(CC), Ruth Hamilton (RH), Julian Cearns (JC), Joan Bleackley (JB), Paul Kirrane (PK), Anne Dennison (AD), Ann Lyth (AL), Deacon Peter Lafferty (PL), Collette McAndry(CM), Angela Dennehy (ADy), Denise Hardman (DH), Delia Lucas (DL),Pauline Crowther (PC)

Apologies None

1. Fr Lomas opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th September 2017 were read, signed and accepted as a true record

3. Matters Arising

Matters arising were dealt with in the appropriate section

Father Paul made a note of appreciation for all the cards received on the death of his father Roy.

4. LITURGY

- 4.1 Discussed the need for welcomers- agreed they play an important role.
- 4.2 E M for 9 a.m. Mass – CC said Mary Marciniack has re-joined the rota.
- 4.3 Cassocks – the new cassocks have been welcomed by the servers, who can now find one to fit them.
- 4.4 Change of Vigil Mass time – notice of the change continues to be in the newsletter
- 4.5 Children’s Liturgy over the summer holiday –amendment to September minutes -we will lose Jaida Madathilethu.
- 4.6 Kieron Hughes will continue serving at mass until Christmas, after that he will go on the Eucharistic Minister’s rota: Charlotte Hughes is a reader and David Hughes helps with the infant liturgy – examples of ex-servers going on to other adult roles in the church.
- 4.8 FP to mention in the prayer time before Mass about minister waiting to the end, of the distribution of the Eucharist, to give to those not able to come to the front.

5. YOUTH

- 5.1 FP has got information relating to a Youth Mass
- 5.2 FP is donating a TV to the parish hall which can be used for presentations in the Children’s Liturgy. CB to consider whether what material would be useful’
- 5.3 The Youth Team are in action and have organised a pilgrim to the Holy Land, with Bishop Mark, but none of the team members will be going.

Confirmation for 2018.

About 20 turned out for the meeting to start the programme, the most we have had for a few years. A good number turned out for the Vigil Mass the following Saturday. We are looking at holding a youth mass for the Vigil of Christ the King.

6. SAFE GUARDING

Nothing to report

7. JUSTICE AND PEACE

CC reported that following Ann Taylor’s departure she is really the only one left to do a report but has not yet done anything. Ann left materials for the card signing and CC will prepare information for it and get cards.

Cafod – collection done but not yet counted and sent off. CC to contact Bridget Fenwick regarding coming to speak at the Masses. **Action: CC**

8. LPA/ DEANERY

8.1 JB gave a summary and the report is attached. FP said the Deanery Clergy meeting was at St Peter's Stalybridge – there is nothing major to report.

9. MAINTENANCE

9.1 FP announced that the new carpet is to be fitted before Christmas and we will have Mass in the hall while it is being done.

RH raised that the meeting room has not been painted and it was suggested that the painting should be before the carpet is laid. We could ask for volunteers but the consensus was that there may not be enough time beforehand.

9.2 The radiator in the sacristy failed and has now fallen off the wall – we need to get McQuillans in.

9.3 JB raised the need for a suitable chair, with arms, for Fr Mike to use in the Sacristy. FP suggested using the mobility frame he has in the garage but it was decided that we buy a chair.

10. PARISH HALL

The gas supply to the new boiler had been switched off – a note to prevent this happening has been attached.

FP will arrange for the TV to be fitted to the wall.

11. ECUMENISM

No report – it is struggling with FP being the only permanent minister.

12. SOCIALS

12.1 The Harvest Supper was a lovely meal enjoyed by 35 people, and thanks went to the choir members for their entertainment in song.

12.2 FP has organised for Jimmy Cricket to come again, this time in aid of St Anne's Hospice, sometime in the new year.

12.3 The Ladies Club meeting in the afternoons is going well.

It was suggested we could have Race Nights in the hall, once the TV is fitted.

13. FUND RAISING

Christmas Fair – We only received 26 responses to the survey as to whether a Christmas Fair or not: from this the view was that we do not have a fair this year. The committee feel that the focus should be social. There was a diversion of opinion on having it later. FP proposed the need to focus on it being Youth Sunday: Have a Youth Mass on the Vigil of Christ the King which would be the last mass at 6.30pm.

Suggestions from the committee: -

1. we have the Piety Stall in the porch, just for Christmas, where there can be a full display and it is to be advertised in advance in the newsletter.
2. A raffle on the Jimmy Cricket night
3. A shared table
4. In addition to the 1st Sunday cakes after the 9am Mass we ask for volunteers to do the same after the 11am Mass

14. Any other notified business/correspondence:

FP shared the Diocese Statement of Finances which showed we have plenty in the central fund for whatever our parish needs are.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 14th November at 7pm in Meeting Room – Focus on preparation for Christmas Activities.

The meeting ended with a prayer