

PARISH MEETING MINUTES
20th February 2019 at 7.00 pm

Present: Father Paul Lomas (FP), Christine Bodley (CB), Cath Cohen (CC), Carole McCann (CMC), Ken Wedderburn (KW), Joan Bleackley (JB), Collette McAndry (CM), Anne Dennison (AD), Julien Cearns (JC)

Apologies: Angela Dennehey, Denise Hardman (DH), Ruth Hamilton (RH), Ann Lyth (AL), Paul Kirrane (PK)

1. Fr Lomas opened the meeting with a prayer
2. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th January 2019 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 Masses on Ash Wednesday will be at 10am and 7.30 pm, in addition there is a service in the school, Cheadle Catholic, at 11.30
- 4.2. FP reminded us that there are no flowers during Lent.
- 4.3. We discussed having an extra Mass, in the evening, during Lent. It was decided that judging by previous attendances it is sufficient to advertise in the newsletter that there is an evening Mass at St Chads Cheadle on Tuesdays at 7.30pm / St Ann's Cheadle Hulme on Wednesdays at 7.30 and Stations of the Cross at 7pm here on each Friday of Lent.
- 4.4. The Lent Course "Living Fruitfully" (embracing the people of the Middle East). The Launch of the course is at the Life Church, Outwood Rd, on 10th March at 6.30pm. There are two venues for the course: - Mondays 7.15 for 7.30 start at Brown Lane Methodist Church and Tuesdays 2pm at Christ Church.
- 4.5. JB reported that we have 20 Altar Servers, though only one is willing to do the Vigil Mass.
- 4.6. the first wedding of the year went well, the next one isn't until September.
- 4.7. We have held meetings for the First Forgiveness – there are 8 children attending non-Catholic schools – those 8 will receive their First Communion at the 11am Mass on 28th April 2019 1st Communions, for Cheadle Catholic Infants, will be the first week after Easter.
- 4.8. FP has identified a couple of people to be Eucharistic Ministers but the problem for the 9am Mass remains.

5. YOUTH

The next meeting for the Confirmation is on the 9th March following the Vigil Mass.

6. SAFE GUARDING

CMC reported she is still waiting for responses from 3 people, 2 of them are Eucharistic Ministers who only minister in church so they will not need the DBS. CC will contact the other to remind her.

7. JUSTICE AND PEACE

- 7.1. Christ Church hosted the Ecumenical J & P Heald Green meeting on the 18th February, all four members from Christ Church attended. All churches had sent cards for prisoners at Christmas, the other churches were impressed by the number of cards we send. We discussed the theme for this years Festival. It was suggested that we focus on awareness of the plight of those suffering Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking.
- 7.1. The Cafod Family Fast envelopes have arrived, and Sue is on to arranging the collection.
- 7.2. The World Day of Pray, previously called Women's World Day of Pray is at St Catherine's, Outwood Rd. Notice has gone in the newsletter.
- 7.3. Fair Trade Fortnight is from 25th February to 10th March. None of the churches has any event planned. CC plans to just put up posters and put a reminder in the newsletter to use Fair Trade.

8. LPA/DEANERY

JB gave a written report, attached. The Lenten Day of Reflection for Ministers (and any others) will be on the 23rd March at 9.30. Again, it will be here at Christ Church.

9. MAINTENANCE

- 9.1 The organ has had its annual service.
- 9.2. A leak in one radiator was repaired but then a more serious one in another followed: both have been put right.

9.3. The blowers have been serviced and are working.

9.4. The control unit on the boiler failed so there was no heating, in view of the number of years it has been in place FP gave instructions for a new control unit; one that can be operated by HIVE. This will be easier and save anyone having to go up to the boiler.

9.4. FP has asked the painters for quotes for 6 areas: -

1) the presbytery kitchen, last done over 5 years ago,	cost	£240.00
2) Office Toilet		£160.00
3) Office		£280.00
4) Counting room		£555.00
5) Meeting/Quiet room		£250.00
6) presbytery bathroom ceiling		£140.00
	Total	£1785.00

It was discussed and agreed the areas do need attention and the price was reasonable.

Action: - FP to give the go ahead.

10. PARISH HALL

10.1 McQuillans need to be contacted regarding service of the radiators and boiler. This is outstanding; however, the heating is working well. **Action: FP**

10.2 it was reported that some table legs are loose. **Action: - CMC to ask Matt to have a look.**

10.3 It was noticed that the plastic covering on the chairs is beginning to crack at the seams. No action at present.

10.4 The narrow benches in the cupboard to go down in the cellar to leave room for the folding tables. KW informed us that there are inexpensive folding tables at the Range.

10.5 New crockery has been purchased, by CM, and with help from Mary they reorganised/tidied the cupboards.

11. ECUMENISM

Next meeting March 14th at St Catherine's.

11.1 Lenten study is being launched at Life Church on March 10th with Mondays 7.30pm session at Brown Lane and Tuesdays 2pm session here.

11.2 Carols around the tree raised £545, Heald Grove Brass band played.

12. SOCIALS

12.1 Several confirmation candidates came early to help set up the tables for the senior citizens party and they did a splendid job of serving the food and drinks. One, Alec brought his guitar and played with the band he was very good, an impressive performance. CMC suggested he be asked to play at the Heald Green Festival.

12.2. There are plans to hold a summer Family B.B.Q. 9 on July 13th at 6.30 on the church grounds Action: - Pre-notice to go in newsletter a.s.a.p. with a notice there will be limited parking; also, to check re parking on the roads. **FP/Office Team**

13. FUND RAISING

13.1 Christmas Fair total was £1800 with 50% to go to St Ann's Hospice **Action: FP to send cheque**

13.2 A defibrillator for Christ Church and the area was discussed. CMC has put in a bid to Dragons Den rotary club waiting for response. **Action: CMC to investigate other avenues**

13.3 Parish Draw for January 1st No. 40 Maureen Redshaw £70, 2nd No. 82 Cath Cohen £12

14. Any other notified business/correspondence:

14.1 Organising a pilgrimage was discussed, possibly for the parish anniversary in 2020. A subcommittee of FP, CC, PK and DH will discuss options. **Action: Pilgrimage subcommittee**

Nothing to report as yet

14.2 FP is looking to buy an Easter banner for this year.

14.3 CMC volunteered Matt to remove surplus nails on the Sanctuary wall, so banners can hang properly.

15. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 9th April 2019 at 7pm

The meeting ended with a prayer