

PARISH MEETING MINUTES
20TH MARCH 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), Deacon Peter Lafferty (PL), Delia Lucas(DL), Paul Kirrane(PK)

Apologies Julian Cearns (JC), Collette McAndry(CM), Ruth Hamilton (RH), Ann Lyth(AL), Julien Cearns(JC), Denise Hardman(DH)

1. Fr Lomas opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th January 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 We have received a generous gift of two new Altar Cloths (no red crosses) from a friend, of a parishioner, who is grateful for what we do for our parishioner. We will send a thankyou card when received. **Action: CC.** JB reported that the large print Mass Sheets were appreciated

4.2 Deacon Pete is doing all sorts of good things with the school children – his efforts are appreciated by the staff and children.

He is doing the stations of the cross and we have purchased pocket leaflets to give to the children, they are leading the parents.

4.3 Lent Course – 40 Stories of Hope – attendance by members of the 4 churches, Life Church do their own. The book has been well received and the discussions have been interesting.

4.4 Stations of the Cross – Shared by FP and PL – attendance has been lower, about 20 each night. Considering doing afternoon Stations in the hall next year.

Suggested having a screen in Church, on Good Friday, showing images of the Passion.

4.5 Discussed having permanent screens to project such as hymns – we would have to look at cost.

4.6 The weekday evening Mass – average of 8, which is OK

4.7 Holy Week –

Palm Sunday we start in the porch and process around the church.

Holy Thursday, FP had a request from a (known) parishioner to stay and pray over night; he would be locked in, but FP will give him a key for emergency. We do not have a list for watching but FP reported he has never been let down.

Good Friday – PL will be singing the Exultant

Saturday Vigil – Hot Cross buns in the hall after

Easter Sunday – FP will distribute the eggs after people have left, following the dismissal, and the children will go up to the alter for the eggs.

4.8 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage – suggested we book a coach if enough want to join the procession on the Sunday 9th September **Action: Put in newsletter - CC.**

5. YOUTH

5.1 1st Confirmation session this coming Saturday; Sofie, one of the Diocesan Youth Team, will come and will also talk at each Mass this weekend.

5.2 We have 26 candidates

5.3 We are going to ask candidates to help with the Heald Green Festival.

6. SAFE GUARDING

6.1 CMC – went on a training day - it was harrowing.

7. JUSTICE AND PEACE

7.1 Women's World Day of Pray at the URC was well attended by CCHG members

7.2 CC not able to attend last meeting- next meeting here at CC on 10/4/18

LPA/ DEANERY

8.1 Day of Recollection – worked very well being based here and being able to go across to church for the mass. The Book 'The Reluctant Disciple' and DVD were well received – copies were ordered.

8. MAINTENANCE

The Diocese Director of Property came last week and saw the heating system in the presbytery, which is old and has been faulty; he will get some quotations and put it to the trustees: in addition, he looked at the tarmac around the hall and 'blown' windows

No news on a carpet for the choir loft.

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

9. PARISH HALL

PK has purchased a new lock for gent's toilet in the hall and now has the tools to make a stand for the water heater in the hall.

10 ECUMENISM

Meeting held last week

11 SOCIALS

Suggested we hold a race night, with horses on a string that are wound by hand.

Settled for the Saturday 19th May after the Vigil Mass.

We will need someone to run the race, do commentary and someone to take bets.

8 horses – prize a bottle of wine

People sponsor the race and buy horses, which they name.

Action: CMC to borrow the horses, CC advertise in newsletter & order 8 books of raffle tickets

12 FUND RAISING

Proceeds from the race night to be split between Well Spring and our Parish Hall

14. Any other notified business/correspondence:

Book of Remembrance -Check if the parishioner who volunteered to enter names is still willing to do it before an anniversary is missed. **Action:** CC

Check with CM regarding our input to Heald Green Festival – **Action:** CC

15. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 17th April 7.pm

The meeting ended with a prayer