

PARISH MEETING MINUTES
06th February 2018 at 7.00 pm

Present: Father Paul Lomas (FP), Christine Bodley (CB), Cath Cohen(CC), Ruth Hamilton (RH), Joan Bleackley (JB), Carole McCann (CMC).

Apologies Julian Cearns (JC), Deacon Peter Lafferty, Collette McAndry(CM), Anne Dennison

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 Bishop's Visit: Father Paul reported "We had a fantastic weekend with our Bishop Mark. He seemed relaxed and enjoying being with us. Bishop Mark stayed for lunch and spent time with Andrea, Deacon Peter, and Peter's wife Shirley. His love of the Lord and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament was there for all of us to see and he wants us to share that devotion too. So, this year we have a Year of Adoration of the Lord in His Blessed Sacrament. More about this throughout the year. He also said he was pleased with how the parish was going and he thought I should carry on. "
- 4.2 Priest Retirement Fund – we sent £1772.08 to the Diocese
- 4.3 Christian Unity Service – we had a fantastic response from our parishioners but no one from the other churches- apart from Nick Feast, retired Anglican Minister. The Liturgy provided by National Christian Unity was good.
- 4.4 Lent: - We have the ashes and the Lent course books – the Lenten programme is done. JB commented that the book 'Rediscover Jesus' was very readable and lifechanging it is a good book to read during Lent.
- 4.5 There will be an extra Mass each Thursday at 7.30pm – Stations of the Cross begin next Friday (16th) at 7pm.
- 4.6 Children's Liturgy – Children will bring the pictures they have coloured in to Mass a week on Sunday, they relate what they have given up for Lent.

5. YOUTH

- 5.1 Plenty of activity from candidates, serving the parishioners, they were well received by the Senior Citizens at the party on the 27th January.
- 5.2 Both St Ann's and Christ Church have about 25 candidates, each, and 4 from St Chads.
- 5.3 The Away Day will be 20th May – location to be confirmed.

6. SAFE GUARDING

- 6.1 It was suggested we design a leaflet/sign telling people Mass is recorded.
- 6.2 Vanessa who is helping with 1st Communion does not need a DBS as another adult is always present.

7. JUSTICE AND PEACE

- 7.1 Women's World Day of Pray this year is at the URC on 2nd March at 7.30pm – suggested we make small posters for people to pick up from the porch.
- 7.2 CAFOD family fast day 23rd February -we have the envelopes – to go out 17th/18th Feb for the following week

LPA/ DEANERY

- 8.1 Day of Recollection will be on Saturday 3rd March here at Christ Church 9.30 for 10am start.
- 8.2 Deanery - next meeting Thursday 8th Feb – discussing the transition from LPA to DPA.
- 8.3 Year of the Eucharist was discussed.

8. MAINTENANCE

8.1 We have received, from the Diocese Insurers, a special pen for marking metal. It can be used to trace stolen property to its owners. The insurers insist that external metal is marked or premium excesses will apply in the event of a theft. We will ask David, who cleans the downspouts and gutters, if he would mark the lead on the roof on his next visit and we could mark the Chalices. We would need to make an asset list of what is marked.

9. PARISH HALL

9.1 Remind PK we need a wood stand for the boiler in the kitchen

9.2 We have a new men's toilet which is higher to assist those with limited mobility. Grab rails have also been fitted.

9.3 We need to chase the return of the tables, borrowed by a parishioner – we were short for the Senior Citizens Party. Suggested we do not lend out again.

10 ECUMENISM

The Lent Course will just be at Brown Lane Methodist Church, on Monday evenings and Christ Church Tuesday afternoons

10. SOCIALS

10. Senior Citizens party was enjoyed by all, notes of appreciation were received. The band was very entertaining.

Tickets for Jimmy Cricket – sold 50+ need to check with St Ann's Hospice how many they have sold. Check if we need table and chairs from the cellar. Also check raffle prizes.

11. FUND RAISING

11.1 The Christmas Fair will be on the 25th November, Feast of Christ the King.

11.2 Diocese -Our Mission together – we are not happy for parishioners to be approached by 'professional' fundraisers but we would give from our Central Fund – based on parish size/income it would be £35,000 a year for 5 years.

Parish Draw winners: - 1st Prize Alex Lanigan No. 78
2nd Prize Alan Strickland No. 71

14. Any other notified business/correspondence:

15. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 20th March 7.pm

The meeting ended with a prayer