

## **PARISH MEETING MINUTES**

**4<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.00 pm**

Present: Father Paul Lomas (FP), Angela Dennehy (ADy), Ann Taylor(AT), Joan Bleackley (JB), Christine Bodley (CB), Cath Cohen(CC), Denise Hardman (DH), Anne Dennison (AD), Ann Lyth

**Apologies** Ruth Hamilton (RH), Collette McAndry(CM), Julian Cearns(JC)

1. Fr Lomas opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June were amended, read and accepted as a true

### **3. Matters Arising**

Matters arising were dealt with in the appropriate section

### **4. LITURGY**

4.1 Meeting for Welcomers/Ems/Readers - It was disappointing that only about a third attended, though some had sent apologies. Those who attended thought it a good idea, enjoyed the breakfast and meeting others who attend different masses. It raised many questions and set people thinking: ideas were put out and discussed.

4.2 A year of Mission –has not been taken up in the LPA as material was not felt to be inspiring.

4.3 Cassocks –JB has measured the cassocks and reports we have a reasonable range but could do with a few extra. We have looked at catalogues and they are mainly without hoods, which are valuable and the cost was average £50 + VAT. CB has offered to investigate the possibility of her making some.

JB informed us that Charlotte has resigned from being an Altar Server

4.4 Vigil Mass regarding changing the time from 6.30. FP discussed it with the LPA and they have no objection. However, nothing can happen until Advent but we will have to decide by Mid-August for the Ordo. We will canvass Vigil Mass attendees at the end of July-beginning of August and we will need a clear majority before changing. The option for the Vigil Mass will be 5.30pm or the current 6.30pm. Advance notice that there will be a discussion to go in the newsletter. **Action: CC**

4.5 Children's Liturgy – CB informed us that it can be covered over the summer; juniors can go across to the hall and do their own sheets.

4.6 Mass for the Sick to be held at 11a.m. on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2017; it will be mass only no refreshments. We need to get a list from Ministers of the Eucharist of who they are taking Communion to. Notice to go in the newsletter and a list in the porch.

### **5. FUND-RAISING / FINANCE**

5.1 Charity Collections – discussed whether we have a second collection, along the benches, rather than standing in the porch at the end of mass. Some thought it may generate more revenue others thought it interrupted the reverence of communion. Decision was to leave it as it is.

5.2 Parish Draw – 1<sup>st</sup> Prize 93 Angelica Briscall-Lennon 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize 154 Anne McGough

### **6. YOUTH**

Confirmation – Everyone agreed it was a lovely service, with Bishop Brian. The music was not our choice and not many could join in. The feeling is that if the numbers allow we would have the confirmation here at Christ Church in future.

### **7. JUSTICE AND PEACE**

7.1 The festival event went well. People from the group stepped forward and took charge in organising it. The theme was revisiting Fair Trade and unfortunately the news the next day was that Sainsburys et al were pulling out of Fair Trade to use their 'own version of trading fairly'. There is a petition against this as the Fair-Trade Foundation is in danger of collapsing.

7.2 CAFOD — have new campaign, already launched - called "POWER TO BE". focus is on World Bank funding renewable energy in developing countries (which often have plenty of sunshine). Campaign seeks to ensure funding to support renewable energy, which would allow children to have better education and reach their potential and thus have the power to realise their ambitions, with the power to become doctors, teachers, engineers etc.

Campaign cards etc are available from CAFOD - we could run the campaign in September? We might also get access to solar lights through a charity based in St Mary's church in Hale - Ann to follow up.

Joan suggested we could also tie in with our harvest celebrations maybe contrasting our harvest with that in developing countries?

## **8. LPA/ DEANERY**

8.1 There was positive feedback re the Day of Recollection. The lunch was discussed and that there was feeling of love and willingness from the Vinery to cater so it could offend them if it were to stop.

8.2 Shared Penitential Service - the agreement was that we have one in Lent but not in Advent.

8.3 Schools – The Junior school raised £1400 for charities with an Easter Labyrinth which was children led and the children behaved well and reverently. Ofsted inspection in July so please pray it goes well.

8.4 St Ann's are pleased that their new Sacristy is now a possibility.

8.5 Children's First Holy Communion – There would be greater consultation with the Children about the hymn choice and the same hymns would be used in each parish for this occasion and practiced in school beforehand.

8.6 Parish Boundaries – there was an agreement with St Chad's and St Ann's on the boundaries we have.

## **9. MAINTENANCE**

9.1 Lights – Due to the frequency of failures the faulty lights are to be replaced by the company for a new design which is softer.

9.2 Carpet – we have had 3 companies in to assess but we are awaiting all estimates.

9.3 Cellar Cleaning – This went well on the 17<sup>th</sup> June, a 'team' of 10 people virtually emptied the cellar, swept it out and sorted the contents into skip waste, metal waste, charitable goods and only replaced what was needed. Thanks, were given to those who gave up their morning to do this.

## **10. PARISH HALL**

Nothing new from last month

## **11. ECUMENISM**

11.1 Some parishioners, with Father Paul, attended an 'Iftar' (fast breaking meal) at Cheadle Mosque, which is for Sunni Muslims, on the Friday and then on the Sunday one held by the Islamic Unity Society at their community centre, which is for Shia Muslims, in Cheadle Royal Business park. Both events were in remembrance of Jo Cox MP and both were very welcoming.

11.2 Father Paul and some parishioners took part in the Christians Walking Together event on the 10<sup>th</sup> June, walking from Salford Cathedral to Manchester Cathedral. It a very uplifting experience. Fortunately, the rain held off for there to be an open-air worship in the gardens of Manchester Cathedral

## **12. SOCIALS**

12.1 Flower Festival for the Parish's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Suggestions were made that it would be best around July and open from Friday to Monday. We would need to consider catering provision and having displays from different 'groups' within the parish.

12.2 Harvest – It was suggested that we have a Harvest Supper around 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> September.

## **13 SAFEGUARDING**

Nothing new to report.

## **14. Any other notified business/correspondence:**

Notice was drawn on the fact that one of the Votive Candle Stands was difficult to clean and it was suggested we replace it to match the other stand. F P will see if we can get a deal for a new Votive Candle Stand.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in Meeting Room

The meeting ended with a prayer