

PARISH MEETING MINUTES
19th September 2017 at 7.00 pm

Present: Father Paul Lomas (FP), Christine Bodley (CB), Cath Cohen(CC), Ruth Hamilton (RH), Julian Cearns (JC), Ann Taylor(AT), Joan Bleackley (JB), Paul Kirrane (PK), Anne Dennison (AD), Ann Lyth (AL),

Apologies Collette McAndry(CM), Angela Dennehy (ADy), Denise Hardman (DH),

1. Fr Lomas opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 4th July 2017 were read and accepted as a true record and signed by Father Paul

3. Matters Arising

Matters arising were dealt with in the appropriate section

4. LITURGY

- 4.1 Welcomers for Vigil Mass – could ask apparators – notice in newsletter, stress can do more than one role
Action: CC to put in newsletter
- 4.2 E M for 9 a.m. Mass – could ask Flo's daughter
Action: FB or JB
- 4.3 Cassocks – CB reported she had nearly finished the new cassocks for the Alter Servers
- 4.4 Change of Vigil Mass time – a 2/3rds majority of parishioners preferred the 5.30pm Mass time and notice has been given it will change at the beginning of Advent. FP reported he had received favourable feedback- no negative feedback. Change to the church noticeboard has been organised.
- 4.5 Children's Liturgy over the summer holiday – CB reported very few attended, hardly any juniors. There was also the difficulty of no literature on the Cafod website in August. Debated whether to do the same next year – decided to go ahead, people may be more aware. I Russo is no longer available.
Christmas mass for the children – we will offer the 5.30 mass as usual.
- 4.6 Mass for the sick – FP reported it was worth doing. It was reported people didn't know where to sit to receive the blessing, so FP had to 'zigzag' his way down the church. Suggested we have welcomers to guide people to sit by the aisle.
- 4.7 Bishop's Visit – it will be 13/14th January. He will probably be at all 3 masses.
- 4.8 CB commented she had noticed those at the front, not able to get up, are only receiving the host because Eucharistic Ministers with the Chalice are getting into position so not aware of who to go to at the end. Decision made to give both at the end.
- 4.9 Literature for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers – following the 'training day' it was decided to make the guides available to those who didn't attend; this is outstanding.
- 4.10 Peter Lafferty is our new Deacon – he will do weekends and Tuesdays & Thursdays. He wants to go with E. M.s who visit the housebound.

5. YOUTH

The Diocese has a new Youth Leader, who wrote an introductory letter to FP about herself and the two others in the team. They will visit St James' school.

Confirmation for 2018.

The date for the initial meeting for parents and candidates has been set for 7th October, after the evening mass.

Action: Put in newsletter: CC/RH

6. SAFE GUARDING

Nothing to report

7. JUSTICE AND PEACE

AT announced that she will no longer be involved with the group and with Cafod as she is moving to Scotland. She hopes that J & P will continue in the parish. However, we need somebody to take over lead for Christ Church. AT has spoken to Bridget Fenwick, area rep for Cafod and Brigit has contacted FP re coming to give a talk.

The Cafod campaign re Solar Energy –

7.2 CAFOD – We need someone to take over from John and Ann; Bridget Fenwick will make an appeal for someone to bear the light for CAFOD. We have received the envelopes for the fast day in October.

7.3 Prisoners of Torture card signing - CC confirmed that the cards for prisoners of torture will go ahead at the end of November as usual

8. LPA/ DEANERY

8.1 No report as meeting tomorrow.

9. MAINTENANCE

FP showed the carpet sample and it was approved

Ramp for church – we have a ramp, which is stored in the porch, it should be put out at week-ends, when the church is opened up for mass. Perhaps we could ask welcomers or apparators to do this if they are able,

10. PARISH HALL

A new water heater, not for brewing up, had to be installed. Report that the temperature is not very hot.

Action: check the temperature

11. ECUMENISM

No report – FP feels alone in the group as the other churches don't have ministers, apart from the Methodist, who has more than the one church to look after so has limited time. The group providing music for the Christmas round the Tree hasn't come back re availability.

12. SOCIALS

12.1 Flower festival – for anniversary in 2019 –It will be a 4-day event – probably Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Discussed involving Heald Green Flower club. Also, to inquire who organised the festival at Brown Lane. Considering setting up a group interested (a steering committee) within the church. Action: **Put in newsletter CC/RH**

12.2 Harvest Supper – to be held on the 23rd September 30 attending – number given to CB who is organising the food.

12.3 CC reported that on the first day the Ladies Club changed to meeting in the afternoon there was a large increase in numbers, AL said some were from St Catherine's.

13.FUND RAISING

13.1 Sponsored Diet F P has reached his target of losing 3 stone – money raised so far is over £1300

13.2 Christmas Fair – The feast of Christ the King is on 26th November and we will use that date for the fair or social. Discussed whether we have one and what format it should be. Last year fewer children attended, then other years, and we are not getting the money in compared to the amount donated for the raffle or bottle tombola. It was suggested we ask in the newsletter whether a Christmas fair is wanted and if so can you help and what do you want.

13.4 Parish Draw

August –	1 st Prize No 133 Mary Westaway	2 nd Prize No 160 Mary Erb
September	1 st Prize No 145 Sylvia Goodwin	2 nd Prize No 168 John McGough

14. Any other notified business/correspondence:

Newspapers – very few are being sold – suggest we reduce the numbers

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 17th October at 7pm in Meeting Room

The meeting ended with a prayer