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1. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th October 2019 were read and accepted as a true record and signed by F T.

2. **Matters Arising**
   FT said a representative from the Diocese had been to look at work needed in the confessional to bring it in line with good safeguarding practice. In the meantime the other confessional is in use.

3. **Liturgy**
   3.1 FT reported that his Induction will be on **Thursday 5th December at 7.30pm**. It will be led by Fr Oliver (from Dukinfield). FT has invited the priests of the Deanery and other guests. There will be refreshments in the hall afterwards. It was agreed that a note would go in the newsletter asking that parishioners attending should bring small cakes/biscuits enough for themselves and one other to share. A team will serve tea, coffee and soft drinks. FT will provide some wine.
   3.2 FT is planning an evening for Adoration, prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Thursday 19th December** between 6 and 8pm. People can come and go as they wish. He has invited Fr John and Fr Mike to assist.
   3.3 Christmas services this year will be as usual, vigil Mass 5.30pm, Carols in the village at 7pm. Mass at 11.30pm and Christmas Day 9am and 11am. Mass times as St Chads will also be as last year. It was agreed that the children’s nativity rehearsal will be after the 11am mass on 22nd December so there will be no baptisms that day.
   3.4 FT suggested that he would like there to be refreshments in the hall after the 10am mass on New Year’s Day. Tea/coffee and bacon butties. Volunteers needed.
   3.5 The Hospice Service will be hosted here on Sunday 19th January at 2pm. Mary Garside to be notified (CB will action)
   3.6 Next year will be the Year of the Word. FT is thinking about running a course after Easter, 8 session over 4 weeks and it would open to the LPA. Details to follow.
   3.7 There was discussion about holding a mass for the sick and housebound. There will be future discussions to arrange one in the Spring.
   3.8 Should we have a mass for deceased church family members? Next November would be an appropriate time.

4. **Youth**
   CB reported that a short meeting for prospective candidates and parents had been held on Saturday 9th November. Candidates have been asked to regularly attend Sunday Mass and get involved in Parish life. A number of opportunities to serve have been offered to them. The next meeting will be on 9th March after which the preparation programme will begin.

5. **Safeguarding**
   Nothing to report

6. **Justice and Peace**
   CC reported that the card signing for prisoners of conscience will take place after masses over the weekend of 7/8th December.

7. **LPA/ Deanery**
   JB reported that there was a meeting on 6th November at St Anne’s. Fr Chris was elected co-chair to replace Fr John. There was some discussion about the future of the 3 parishes after Fr Chris retires (sometime after his Jubilee in September) but it is too early to say anything definite. FT talked about his
plans for an Advent Reconciliation Service (as above). There was a discussion about the Lenten Day of
Reflection which will be held next year at St Anne’s. details to be agreed at next meeting which will be on
22nd January at Christ Church.

8. MAINTENANCE
It was mentioned that the sound in church wasn’t always good. Better in some areas than others. ADy
said the loops system was working well. FT said that he would be prepared to spend money on it if it could
be improved but he thought it was as good as it could be.

9. PARISH HALL
The chairs in the hall are very worn and need replacing. We also need some more tables.
Some money has been raised in the past for this purpose. It was agreed that a note would go in the
newsletter regarding the money donated for the garden fund to ask if donors are happy for the money to
be used for the hall furniture instead. (Chairs are also needed for FT’s office. These to be included in the
purchasing)
After the Christmas Fair we will arrange a cleaning day to give it a thorough clean (and to sort out the
store cupboard)

10. ECUMENISM
DH Nothing to report other than that Brown Lane are planning a Taize Service there on 1st Sunday in
Advent. 5.30 for singers, 6.30 start. The AGM is on Thursday 14th at Brown Lane.

11. SOCIALS
11.1 Christmas Fair. Prizes are needed. Sign up to see Fr Christmas on the list in church.
11.2 CMC New Year’s Eve party to take place as last year. It should be advertised after the Christmas Fair.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 14th January at 7pm.