

# Parish Pastoral Council

## Committee Meeting

Attendees:	Kath Gable, KG
President: Fr Niall Harrington, Fr. Niall	John Geary, JG
Chair: Chris Perry, CP	Matt Harris, MHs
Vice-Chair: Alison Huish, AH	Clare Hopkins, CH
Treasurer: Stephen Gallagher, SG	Mary Huntington, MH
Secretary: Rachael Williams, RSW	Kathy Johnston, KJ
	Sylvia Lanz, SL
Committee in alphabetical order:	Rosemary Tidmarsh, RT
Jacqui Davis, JD	

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### Opening Prayer

1. Apologies received from: Sue Benjamin & Jenny Sismey.
2. The Minutes of the PPC June meeting were signed and filed. Matters arising from the Minutes not otherwise on the Agenda: none.

### 3. **Justice & Peace & CAFOD.**

### 4. **Fabric Reports.**

Danbury - no report.

SWF: MHs

Very short report this month

#### Fabric meeting 17<sup>th</sup> June

- Val Carter has resigned from the fabric committee, Maureen arranged for flowers & card
- A number of projects were discussed
  - Fabric paper work in the process of being reviewed
  - Stability of the outside Cross, Matt to prepare a status report with way forward and suggestions to be presented to JCC
  - H&S report to be finalised and presented by Frank
  - PAT testing Frank to approach both schools to discuss possible sharing

- Fire Marshals, Bob has a possible way forward (the Church of England. Health and Safety officer ) seminar later in the year
  - 4 chairs have been donated to be used in the meeting room, Bob to investigate bidding for chairs from the Cathedral
  - The Meeting room kitchen project was discussed and agreed to be restarted at more realistic costs quotes will be assembled by Matt and presented to the JCC
- Hot air hand dryer is not working in the disabled toilet still to be investigated
- Next meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> July

#### On-going Issues

- Church roof was reported leaking from the left hand side of the organ (Next to the Trinity St Marys storage cupboard) solutions under discussion

#### 5. **Ecumenical Report for Little Baddow and SWF & JCC.**

no report.

#### 6. **Treasurer's Report.** Stephen Gallagher

Gift Aid Cheque for £10,800 has been received.  
Overdraft £4500 which is good.

#### 7. **Anglican PCC.** Sue Benjamin absent. No report.

#### 8. **Methodist report.** Jenny Sismey.

no report

#### 9. **Diocesan Representative Report:** Sylvia Lanz.

nothing to report other than the fact that we have a new Bishop to look forward to.

#### 10. **Liturgy Group.** Sylvia Lanz.

Fr Niall reported that there have been 12 new lay ministers eucharist commissioned and will be integrated into the rota over time.

**11. Report from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School.** Alison Huish

During the first week of July we welcomed visitors from Kolkata (Calcutta) India on the International Schools Programme, Connecting Classrooms. Mrs Gosalves and Mrs Mondol represented teaching staff from St Thomas's Girls School; Mrs Gonslaves is the Principal of the Primary sector which has 1,300 pupils. Our guests taught lessons in each class, the themes ranged from geographical comparisons, to dance and food preparation! The pupils in St Joseph's School were enthralled and the teaching staff have exchanged teaching and learning styles. Mrs and Mr Huish are looking forward to the Autumn Term when they will spend one week visiting and teaching in St Thomas's School.

Mrs Huish was very honoured to represent St Joseph's School during the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Alan Williams on July 1st.

As we approach the end of this academic year the pupils from Year Three will celebrate a Going Forth Mass and the pupils from Year Six will hold their Leavers Mass; thanks to Father Niall for his on going support.

**13. Social Committee** CP, RT, KJ & JD.

£1708 raised at the Bazaar.

Sat 6 June 2015 is next year's date for the Bazaar and it has been booked.

Quiz 22 November 2014 at St Joseph's Hall, booked.

Christmas Raffle will be a cash prize of £50 for the first prize this year.

There are plans to create a Parish calendar to include photos of the Parish: deadline for those end Oct 2014 & are to be sent to JD.

Dance next year to be 1960s *Quiff & Shades*. The dates are to be one of either: 7.14.21 March at St Joseph's Hall and a capacity of 50 with a fish & chip supper.

Flower Festival in the Danbury Church in Sept 2015.

**14. Presbytery Report.** John Geary

The garage door has been done, and the kitchen refurbishment is continuing.

**15. AOB.**

- Confirmation was to be Wednesday 17 Sept in Danbury with Bishop Alan, and is now to be Sunday Sept 28.
- Ideally the plans for the parts of the Danbury Church extension which were not completed should be information which is easily available to future Council Members. This will avoid any confusion, or duplication of works (footings) which have been completed in the past, but of which members may not be aware. One suggestion was that the Property Manager, Chris James, at the Diocese office is contacted to discover this.

- MHs indicated that he is looking to stand down from the Fabric Committee and someone needs to take on this role.
- KG - extra donations of £20 & £8 given to her.
- AH's son and daughter will both be singing at a concert at St Joseph's on 23 July 2014 at 7.30 pm to raise money for CAFOD & HCTP. We all wished them well for their performance.

16. **100 Club.** Kath Gable asked that the fresh winners were selected by drawing from the bag. The winners would be announced in the Newsletter. Now, there are 100 members.

The Meeting ended at 8.00 pm & was followed by a buffet supper and social evening for the members and other parishioners who attended.

**Closing Prayer.**