

PCC MEETING 11th FEBRUARY 20123
PARISH OF ENGLISH MARTYRS, DANBURY WITH
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS

Ex officio:

Fr.Niall Harington (P.P.&President)
 Stephen Gallagher (Treasurer)
 Sylvia Lanz (Diocesan Council Rep)
 Lynne Pursell (Deanery Rep)
 Matt Harris Fabric (SWF)
 Kath Gable (Ecumenical Rep)
 Tony White Fabric (Danbury)
 Alison Huish (School Rep)

Elected Members:

Rosemary Tidmarsh
 Kathy Johnston
 Pauline Spratt (Chair)
 Jaqui Clarke
 Chris Perry
 Barbara Fenn (Secretary)
 David Eyre Williamson (Vice Chair)
 Adrian Symonds
 John Geary

Appointed Members:

Jackie Wright Health & Safety (E.M.)

Methodist Observer Alasdair Mackay

Anglican Observer Sue Benjamin

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| 1) | Opening Prayer: Fr. Niall opened the meeting with a prayer. | |
| 2) | Apologies: Matt Harris, Steve Gallagher, Tony White. Also present Frank Lo. | |
| 3) | Minutes of Previous Meeting 12th December 2012: The minutes from the December meeting were agreed. | |
| 4) | Report from Justice & Peace: Pauline took some kitchen equipment to the Sisters at Melbourne which was gratefully received. CAFOD:- Pauline will speak at all masses prior to the Family Fast Day on the second Friday in Lent. | |
| 5)a | Report from Fabric Committee (HT): Church Roof: Carter Roofing repaired 2 leaks under the cladding boards. No further leaks reported. A clock has been installed at the back of the above the organ as requested by Fr. Niall. The AV room lock has been replaced with an Alpha Numeric key pad. 2 quotes have been received for the installation of blinds in the porches. A third quote is still awaited. 2 quotes have been received for the refurbishment of the kitchen area. A quote has been received for the refurbishment of the AV room. The team will review this. (Both of the last 2 items will be substantially funded from an anonymous donation). Small wall mounted storage cupboards have been purchased for both toilets to store cleaning materials etc. An in-depth spring clean will take place on 16 th March, 11am-6.30pm. All volunteers welcome if only for an hour or so. | |
| 5)(b) | Report from Fabric Committee – English Martyrs Little work has been possible outside due to the weather. During the servicing of the Security System it broke down. Cost of repair £60 + vat. The remembrance plaque of the Salter family is now in situ in the Conservatory. A booking for the hire of the Conservatory has been received. It was decided to ask Maria to handle this & any further bookings. | |

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| <p>6 (a)</p> <p>(b)</p> | <p>Ecumenical Report: SWF No report at present. Little Baddow: No report.</p> | |
| <p>7);</p> | <p>Report from Treasurer: As at today we are £19,000 od. which is a £3,000 worsening since the end of November. Although Christmas & January are typically times of more Parish spending, Steve was hoping we could stabilise at a £16k overdraft. But this is not the case. Our year to date income is similar to the same periods in 2010 & 2011 which means our spending is still exceeding expectations. Although this is not good news, he believes our bank balance is starting to stabilise around £19k overdrawn. We are taking the right steps in terms of reducing our expenditure e.g. decreasing St. Joseph's monthly contribution from £600 to £300; plus we have paid no more cheques for supply priests. Our next Gift Aid cheque will arrive mid-year which should be close to £9000, which will help to halve our overdraft.</p> | |
| <p>8)</p> | <p>Report from Anglican P.C.C: Fundraising – 2 book sales have raised £124. Family services have been well received. Joint services with the Methodists will take place at Easter. There could be a short service held on the hillside when the crosses are again raised before Easter. Rev. Carole visits St. Josephs & has contact with the William de Ferrers school. The painting of the Annunciation in the church porch (Anglican side) will be returned to Little Baddow.</p> | |
| <p>9)</p> | <p>Report from Methodist P.C.C: Alistair apologised for his absence previously, due to work & lack of transport. Another Methodist rep may be able to attend meetings held in Danbury. Rev Sue says married life is intermittent as she is very busy. The Church Council has chosen their charities for the coming year. Alistair will organise the distribution of any knitted articles for the 'Knitting for Africa' charity.</p> | |
| <p>10)</p> | <p>Diocesan Report: No meeting was held in January & there is still no news of a new Bishop.</p> | |
| <p>11)</p> | <p>Deanery Report: No meeting scheduled.</p> | |
| <p>12)</p> | <p>Liturgy Group: Holy week & Easter services are being organised. RCIA Group will hold Lent sessions "Looking forward to Easter" in the 'Cafe style' which will take place weekly in Holy Trinity Church.</p> | |
| <p>13)</p> | <p>St. Joseph's School report: Building work is going well but unsure of when internal walls are coming down; The children celebrated Education Sunday Mass at Danbury. Fr. Niall visits St Josephs. Some visitors from Cafod talked to the children about Lenten collections...(children could use empty 'Smarties' tubes to put money in). The children will be acting 'The Passion' again for the whole school.</p> | |

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| <p>14)</p> | <p><u>Social Committee report.</u> Forthcoming events: A Bazaar to be held on Saturday 8th June at Holy Trinity Church. There will be a variety of stalls available for parishioners to organise & man. There will be music & refreshments, a painting competition for the school children & possibly demonstrations by various clubs who will be approached to participate. A quiz will be held on 27th April either in St. Joseph’s hall or Trinity St. Mary’s. Enquiries will be made regarding a ‘charity’ restaurant meal locally.</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p><u>AOB</u> Vacuum cleaner used at English Martyr’s is in need of a service or replacing. (Pauline to pursue). Tesco Express employees have been parking their cars in the church car park at Danbury. This has begun to be a problem & they will be requested to stop. A parishioner has complained of the behaviour of some children during mass, also the eating of sweets & crisps in church. Although this is not desirable Fr. Niall advised that things be left as they are as we would not want to put families off from coming to church.</p> <p><u>100club February:</u> 1st Mrs. Shona Rogers. 2nd Mrs. Marie Moore, 3rd Mrs. Shona Rogers.</p> | |
| | <p>Closing Prayer Fr. Niall closed the meeting with a prayer. Dates of 2013 Meetings: 11th March (E.M) 8th April(H.T.) 13th May(E.M.) 10th June (H.T.) 8th July (Barb’q) 9th Sept (H.T.) 14th Oct (E.M.) 11th Nov’ber AGM (St. Joseph’s) 9th December (E.M.)(New members).</p> | |

These minutes are a true account of the proceedings of the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting held on Monday 11th February 2013 @ Holy Trinity Church Meeting Room.

Signed Proposed Name

Dated.....

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