

PCC MEETING 10th JUNE 2013
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)

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 (Fabric Danbury)
 John Geary

Appointed Members:

Jackie Wright Health & Safety (E.M.)

Methodist Observer Jenny Sismey

Anglican Observer Sue Benjamin

		Action
1)	Opening Prayer: Fr. Niall opened the meeting with a prayer. We prayed for Madge Farrow who is very ill.	
2)	Apologies: Chris Perry & Sue Benjamin	
3)	Minutes of Previous Meeting; The minutes from the May meeting were agreed & signed.	
4)	Report from Justice & Peace: Pauline went to Blessed Sacrament Parish last Friday to celebrate the 375 th Anniversary of the nuns at Melbourne & Colchester. Still no contact with the school in Sierra Leone. We shall try to contact Gabrielle - Elisabeth Bourn's daughter. CAFOD: 200 Hunger cards have been distributed.	
5)a	Report from Fabric Committee: - Holy Trinity Vertical Blinds discussed at Fabric meeting. Final quote will go before the JCC meeting on 20 th June. Installation should take place shortly afterwards. Apparently some members of the Fabric Committee are not in favour of putting blinds on the inside windows of the church. We feel that this is the one place that blinds are needed. Matt has been requested to go back to the committee to tell them that our Parish Council as a committee are opposed to changing the blinds in the kitchen. The money could be better spent elsewhere. Fr. Niall mentioned that the safety aspect of the Cross, which is not stable, is more important Replacement kitchen also discussed & agreement was reached to go ahead with 'Dream Doors'. A quote for a new water heater in one of the toilets will be included. Planned installation during the school holidays. AV refurbishment also discussed. Rev Carole has seen a different system at a local church & details will be obtained. 'Marks Tey Radio' will be contacted to arrange a meeting with them & original AV team to discuss details of work schedule & definite start date. The possibility of getting a new 'Daylight projector' for the church was discussed at PCC. Not as expensive as the last one. No action on the outside wall. Pat Stuttle is checking to see if she has any of the original plans for the Cross. We may have to pay for a structural engineer to view the problem. (Cheaper to cut it down & attach it to the main Church wall?)	

	H&S Fire Blanket to be put inside pulpit & fire marshal training to be actioned at next Fabric meeting. The JCC AGM is on 20 th June at Holy Trinity.	
5)(b)	Report from Fabric Committee: – English Martyrs Regrettably the CCTV system doesn't appear to be working. Adrian will contact Hughes Security.	
6)	Ecumenical Report: SWF A few parishioners from each of the denominations attended the shared tea on Trinity Sunday. It was a pleasant afternoon & we were entertained by Jim Tidmarsh on the guitar. Thanks to all who participated & for the lovely selection of food donated. The JCC meet again on 20 th June 2013. Little Baddow: No report.	
7);	Report from Treasurer: As at today we are £22,000 overdrawn. In the last month our only major expenditure has been £1500 being the 2 nd quarters JCC contribution. Steve has composed a message for inclusion in the weekly newsletter for the next month..... “In the last couple of years we have seen a significant (14%) drop in our general offertory income. As a result our bank account is over £20,000 overdrawn. Offerings in the plate have dropped by over £50 per week compared to 2011. Also the number contributing by standing order has reduced by 18 since 2011 which is equal to £6,000 loss annually. Please consider increasing your contribution to the parish. Many thanks for all you contribute so consistently”. Matt will put a resume of this on the web site. Direct Debit mandates will be available after Masses. As previously stated the Gift Aid cheque should arrive end of June/July & is anticipated to be around £9,000 which will reduce our overdraft considerably. Fr. Niall will soon be working at the Prison & will, kindly, donate his salary to the parish. We shall cease to use the ‘Redemptorist’ Newsletters shortly. This will save app. £1000 per year.	
8)	Report from Anglican P.C.C: No report available..	
9)	Report from Methodist P.C.C: There is no Catholic rep. on the Methodist Council. (They only meet twice a year). Kath Gable has kindly offered to represent the Catholics. There is no further update on the health of Rev. Sue Lambert's husband.	
10)	Diocesan Pastoral Council. Plenary in June has been cancelled as Bishop Thomas's successor could possibly be announced soon. At the meeting in July they will discuss how the Parishes & Diocese can 'draw together.'	
11)	Deanery Report:	
12)	Liturgy Group: 1 st Holy Communion at Danbury last Sunday was a little chaotic but still very lovely. New Eucharistic Ministers will be very welcome on the new rota.	

<p>13)</p>	<p>St. Joseph’s School report: Work on the new hall is progressing well & should be completed by the end of June. Class Masses for this term celebrated by Fr. Niall will be: The reception class & year 1; Going forth Mass for years 3 & 4 for the children who have made their 1st Holy Communion & their classmates. At the end of term the year 6 leavers Mass will be as usual a very special celebration. During May 2 members of staff visited a school in Tanzania on an exchange programme. Miss Spooner & Miss Phillips had a fantastic time in Tanzania. They spent a week in Muungano School teaching the children English. This was quite a challenge as the children & teachers spoke very little English & the classes were very big with up to 86 pupils. They were made very welcome by all of the pupils & children. Many thanks to all who donated pencils, pens & other stationary items which were gratefully received. It is anticipated that some teachers from Tanzania will visit St. Joseph’s in Sept/Oct. Many thanks to Mrs. Ginzler-Mayer for letting our teachers take part in a lifetime experience that made them realise how fortunate & privileged we are.</p>	
<p>14)</p>	<p><u>Social Committee report.</u> The Bazaar was very successful, raising approx. £1365. This added to the proceeds of the quiz night means we will be banking approx.£1800 for parish funds. Many thanks to all who participated & the hard work of the Social committee. Thanks also to the St. Joseph’s School choir for their contribution. Some parishioners are organising a Christmas Concert. <u>A.O.B. Presbytery:</u> John Geary has cleaned up the front drive. He wants to start on the garden & also decorate the back bedroom. <u>BBQ:-</u> 8th July. Lynn Pursell has kindly agreed to host the BBQ again this one last time. A food list will be circulated to all members for contributions. Danbury & Bicknacre raised over £6000 for Christian Aid. Fr. Niall will be starting his duties at Chelmsford Prison shortly. Chris Perry is to be interviewed by BBC Essex about RCIA. The Bishops Conference of England & Wales will be interviewing people who have returned to the church. Matt Harris will be filmed next Sunday & appear on a CAFE film. <u>100club June:</u> 1st Mrs. Sylvia Lanz. 2nd Mrs. Martindale 3rd ‘The Irish Rover’. .</p>	
	<p><u>Closing Prayer</u> Fr. Niall closed the meeting with a prayer. <u>Dates of 2013 Meetings:</u> 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 10th June 2013 @ English Martyrs Church Conservatory

Signed Proposed Name

Dated.....

Signed.....Seconded Name

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