

PCC MEETING 14th OCTOBER 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)

Matt Harris Fabric (SWF)
 Kath Gable (Ecumenical Rep)
 Pauline Spratt (Chair)
 Alison Huish (School Rep)

Elected Members:

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

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.	
2)	Apologies: Alison Huish, Jenny Sismey & Sylvia Lanz.	
3)	Minutes of Previous Meeting; The minutes from the September meeting were agreed & signed.	
4)	Justice & Peace: At the AGM in Brentwood Bishop Thomas addressed the members. Also Fr. Wang (Chaplain for London University) spoke about Pope Francis' message that we must live more simply to help the poor. CAFOD: The Family Fast Day collection so far amounts to just over £100. Unfortunately we had a second collection on the same Sunday as the one for Cafod. There should be more donations to the Cafod fund the following weekend.	
5)a	Report from Fabric Committee:- Holy Trinity The Fabric meeting due on 8 th October was cancelled. A new date is yet to be agreed. On-going activities: Asbestos Management Survey was carried out by Environtec Ltd. on 28 th August. The report received in September (executive summary) lists 10 issues; 1 low risk – encapsulate & label as asbestos. 9 very low risk – manage, label & inform maintenance personnel prior to relevant work. Replacement mats for both foyers requested. Report from Trinity St. Mary's of leaking roof; lead has been stolen from school roof. Church checked during last Friday's downpour – no apparent leaks, but we will keep a watching brief. All other long term plans regarding the outside wall & Cross & the kitchen are still under discussion.	
5)(b)	Report from Fabric Committee: – English Martyrs Further to Mrs. Jackie Wright's discussion last month a meeting has been arranged with Precision Safety Services. Some windows in the Church are to be replaced.	

	<p>We are still looking for someone to cut back the hedging. A replacement vacuum cleaner is urgently required & also the front door is difficult to close. Apparently it needs to be in the correct position before it will lock.</p>	
6)	<p>Ecumenical Report: SWF Rev. Carol would like to get a group together to discuss various items including the Constitution. Steve, the treasurer, & Rev. Carole will discuss a new budget. Fire Marshalls are required at each Mass. Little Baddow: No report.</p>	
7);	<p>Report from Treasurer: As at today we are £13,681 overdrawn which is virtually the same balance as last month. This is a stabilising of our financial position & is especially encouraging since we have paid for Fr. Shemmie's supply priest fees. We are up to date on our JCC contributions & will soon start to benefit from the prison chaplaincy work of Fr. Niall which started in July.</p>	
8)	<p>Report from Anglican P.C.C.: On Sunday 13th October we had a visit from the Archdeacon of Chelmsford who is visiting all parishes. The service was not typical as various (important) members of the congregation were absent; the music went awry, & the roof leaked. The service was followed by lunch at The Lodge. At the PCC meeting last week it was disclosed that 2 parishioners had left legacies to the Church. The money will be divided equally with St. Mary's Church in Woodham Ferrers. At Holy Trinity some new Altar Linen & a new projector will be purchased.</p>	
9)	<p>Report from Methodist P.C.C.: No report available.</p>	
10)	<p>Diocesan Pastoral Council. No report available.</p>	
11)	<p>Liturgy Group Report: No report available.</p>	
12)	<p>St. Joseph's School : The school was recently host to a visiting head teacher Mr Mika Munissi from The Muungano Primary School in the Kilimanjaro region of Tanzania organised through the charity 'Child Reach International.' He taught each class at St. Joseph's with the children gaining knowledge of Kilimanjaro & the Swahili language. Mr. Munissi along with Miss Spooner & Mrs. Huish & the head boy & girl went to London where they saw Tower Bridge & visited the Tower of London. Mr. Munissi met Fr. Niall at the Sunday evening mass. Mr. Munissi was eager to share the good teaching practise he found at St. Joseph's with the staff at the Muungano School. The exchange experience was very enriching for all at St. Joseph's who will continue to support the Muungano School, staff & pupils through fund raising, written communications & through technological connections.</p>	

13)	<p>Social Committee report:- <u>Parish Fund Raising Meal</u> The Empire Palace Chinese Restaurant in Chelmsford will be booked for the meal on Wednesday 20th November, Cost is £12 for a 2 course meal & £15 for a three course meal including tea/coffee. (Drinks extra). <u>Christmas Raffle:</u> Envelopes with 5 raffle tickets enclosed at £1 per ticket, will be distributed at the Mass on the week end 16/17th November. Prizes will be luxury Christmas hampers, items for which can be donated, (collection boxes are now in each church porch). The Draw will take place on Sunday 15th December after the 8.45am Mass. <u>Beetle Drive:</u> This will be held on Friday 24th January 2014 @ 7pm in St. Joseph's school hall. Family Ticket £5 or £2 per person. <u>Quiz Night:</u> will be held on Saturday 29th March 2014 in St. Joseph's Hall. Rosemary & Jim Tidmarsh will organise the questions. <u>Parish Bazaar:</u> Both School Halls & the Church have been booked for Friday night 6th June & Saturday 7th June 2014. The format will be as before with possibly a 'Baking Competition'. More information in the New Year.</p>	
14)	<p>Presbytery: The cladding is still to be repaired. Also, the garage door will be painted & the side gate needs shortening as it is difficult to open.</p>	
15)	<p>A.O.B. It was brought to our attention that we have not shown our appreciation for the work done & money saved for us by Daniel Pilgrim the Architect for the Conservatory. It was suggested that we give Daniel a £50 Amazon voucher. It was suggested that Parish Councillors should stand for 3 years not 2 as at present. This would require a change to the Constitution which could be done at the AGM in November. We have had 5 volunteers for new Council Members (one of whom was happy to stand aside if there were sufficient applicants). The new councillors will be contacted by Maria. Chris Perry has agreed to take over as Chairman. A new vice-chair & a new Secretary will be needed. Adrian Symonds will remain as Fabric Officer for Danbury but he is standing down as a Parish Councillor & will send in his reports each month. Many thanks for their contributions go to all parish councillors especially to those who are standing down this year. Fr. Naill has been with us for about a year now & thanks everybody for helping him to settle in. His Prison work is ongoing & very varied. We should pray for those in prison who have never had a chance in life. Fr. Ivor Morris has had a lung removed. He is recovering at home in his Parish of Blessed Sacrament. Our best wishes & prayers are with him.</p> <p>100 club October: 1st Cameron Price 2nd June White 3rd Mrs. Barbara Fenn.</p>	
	<p>Closing Prayer Fr. Niall closed the meeting with a prayer. Dates of 2013 Meetings: 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 14th October 2013 @ English Martyrs Church

Signed Proposed Name

Dated.....

Signed.....Seconded Name

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