

# Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Attendees:

President: Fr Niall Harrington, Fr. Niall

Chair: Chris Perry, CP

Vice-Chair: Alison Huish, AH

Treasurer: Stephen Gallagher, SG

Secretary: Rachael Williams, RSW

Committee in alphabetical order:

Jacqui Davis, JD

Clare Hopkins, CH

Mary Huntington, MH

Jenny Sismey JS

Rosemary Tidmarsh, RT

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## Opening Prayer

1. Apologies received from: Sue Benjamin & Kathy Johnston, Kathy Gable, Sylvia Lanz, John Geary, Matt Harris.

2. The Minutes of the PPC July meeting were signed and filed. Matters arising from the Minutes not otherwise on the Agenda: confusion over the Confirmation Date - it is 17 September.

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

4 Oct is the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi. There will be a Service at Danbury.

4. **Fabric Reports.**

Danbury - no report.

SWF: MHs absent so RT explained that the Holy Trinity mini-kitchen quotes are being revised.

A hand dryer has been fixed. SG indicated that some money allocated to be spent on maintenance etc, needed to be spent. It could be spent on a 'Safety of the Cross' inspection.

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

no report.

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

As you may recall at the last meeting our overdraft had been reduced to £4,500 o/d, as a result of the Gift Aid payments.

Since then we have embarked and paid for the new presbytery kitchen (£6,200), paid for the services of Father Shemmie Kantyka (£1,650) and the third quarter's JCC payment (£1,500).

As a result our bank balance has returned to £12,300 o/d today.

7. **Anglican PCC.** Sue Benjamin absent. Read by RSW at request of KJ.

At the PCC Meeting can you please say that arrangements are going well for the WW1 event which is being held on the 18th October in the Church and the two school halls. It starts at 11.00 am and will finish at about 4.00 with a short Service led by Rev Carol Ball.

The Town Council are also involved with a display in the library and events in the Town on the 18th. The schools and various local organisations will all be involved on the day.

I have had three volunteers from the Catholic Community to help with refreshments and am hoping for more people to come forward. I have also said that we will provide the biscuits to go with the teas/coffees. If Father Niall is in agreement I will ask for donations of biscuits and put a box in the porch of Holy Trinity.

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

Their Minister, Sue, is back from her sabbatical and has changed her name to Sue King. The Live Simply plans will be talked about in October and JS is sure that they will be well received and acted upon.

A Catholic Representative on their Council is needed still: only 2 meetings a year. Notice to be placed in our Newsletter. RSW to email Maria.

9. **Diocesan Representative Report:** Sylvia Lanz.  
nothing to report.

10. **Liturgy Group.** Sylvia Lanz.  
no report.

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

The children have all returned to school after the summer vacation.

We welcome 29 children in to the Reception Class; 21 of which transferred from St Joseph's Pre-School.

New teaching staff to the school are; Mr White-Year 4, Mrs Perret-Year 3 and Mrs Carter-Year 1.

We are supporting CHESS by collecting tinned food, tea and coffee as part of our harvest appeal. The children are encouraged to reflect on Gospel values as we celebrate the harvest and share what we have with those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

The dates for the programme of class and school masses has been agreed; we thank Father Niall for his continued support.

The outside Reception Class learning environment has been updated during the holiday break. The children have access to a wide area for play and physical interaction where they are safe and appropriately supervised.

Fr Niall added that there are many children and one whole family all preparing for Baptism soon.

AH is off to India in October.

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

The Social Programme remains the same as that listed in the July Minutes.

- Calendar: only got 4 emails with photos - we need more.
- Dance is booked for 14 March 2015.
- new initiative to book a Ladies Meeting date each month and it will alternate between SWF and Danbury. The first one is booked for Tuesday 15 September 12 pm to 2 pm. CP thinks that this is a good idea, and may even extend to the creation of a Man's Group.
- there was a discussion on the collection of clothes.

### 14. **Presbytery Report.** John Geary read by CP.

Various minor items of ongoing maintenance have been undertaken together with some gardening works.

Sections of the timber cladding on the south elevation which have become loose will be re-fixed during week commencing Monday 15 September.

The kitchen refurbishment minor details have been resolved. The work, which will last two weeks, is now programmed to begin on Monday 6 October.

### 15. **AOB.**

- **AGM discussion** - Nominations are needed to be done soon. It was agreed that there be an Agenda item for the Oct meeting to discuss this. the 'extension of time from 2 years to 3 years' is still a live issue and discussion needed on procedurally what needs to be done.

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- Concert by Rebecca and Ben Huish raised £350 and thanks from AH for support.
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- Lost Property in the SWF meeting room was discussed.
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- SG said that he has found the original Sharing Agreement in relation to the SWF church building. He will send a copy to RSW.
- FYI: St Theresa's of Basildon on channel 4 on Tues 9 Sept.
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- FYI: Confirmation Mass on 17 Sept at Danbury at 7.30 pm. Also, lots of new altar servers have started.
- Cleaning rota for the SWF church - volunteers needed and someone needed to run the Rota.

16. **100 Club.** Kath Gable absent and so this was adjourned.

The Meeting ended at 8.50 pm

**Closing Prayer.**