

Parish Pastoral Council

Committee Meeting

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

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Opening Prayer

1. Apologies received from: Jenny, Matt & Steve G.
2. The Minutes of the PPC Sept meeting were signed and filed. Matters arising from the Minutes not otherwise on the Agenda: none.
3. Constitutional Changes: Discussion.

Kath G's email considered a sensible proposal. "I have emailed Chris and suggested a better option to the three years might be to alter the one year stand down, before you can apply for re-election, to being able to be re-elected straight away for a second term. That would mean four years but anyone is able to stand down at any time if needed."

This may be a more workable option in & line with the rest of the Constitution was the discussion all had and it will be voted on at the AGM.

Those members **due** to stand down are: Chris P, John G, Kathy J, Kath G and Rosemary.

Those willing to stay on, subject to the Constitutional Amendment are: John G, Kathy J, Kath G. Rosemary is happy to be a member of the Social Committee, the representative on the Council for which will be Jacqui.

Matt is due to end his role and Sylvia the same as Diocesan Rep. The Representative on the Methodist Council is still vacant.

Vice-Chair remains the same as Alison Huish.

RSW was going to resign but decided to remain as Secretary.

Two people have put their names forward to be considered as members of the Council. Chris did not read those names out.

This precipitated the discussion relating to getting more people to volunteer to come onto the Council before the AGM due to take place on 10 November. It resurrected the discussion about fewer meetings.

4. **Justice & Peace & CAFOD.** no reports

5. **Fabric Reports.**

Danbury - no report.

SWF: - no report.

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

A plastic Christmas tree will be purchased.

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

£11,500 O/D. Little change this month.

7. **Anglican PCC.** Sue Benjamin

Anglican Report on meeting held on 9th October

Key Topic - Chelmsford South Deanery Vision 2017-2025

1.This was discussed as the key topic of the evening. We have been discussing the vision issued before the summer outlining the organising of the Chelmsford South Deanery into Ministry and Mission Units and Rev. Carol felt that as so much discussion had already taken place it would be best to write to the Deanery Synod setting out our views. This was that the Chelmer Crouch Group is large and sufficient enough to be a ministry and mission unit on its own as the proposal in the Vision is that it be joined with the Reservoir Group and that this would make it too large a unit.

It was also felt that this document was really to monitor declining clergy numbers and so not really a vision.

2.Our new curate Jane Richards is settling in well and has been made most welcome. She is building up her skills and proving to be an excellent minister and colleague.

Rev. Carol has taken a communion service at Windle Court. Reverend Sue has traditionally been the minister with Windle Court, but going forward we are hoping to establish a pattern whereby she goes in and holds a non-Eucharistic Service and Rev. Carol goes in and does a Eucharist service. It is hoped to involve other members of our congregation to the service such as the Home Communion team.

3.We remain on track to pay 82% of our Quota

We have paid a total of 61.8% of total Quota for the year, which equates to paying 82.4% for the first 9 months. Taking into account the Standing Orders and money from the Last Night

of the Proms we will have sufficient in the Bank to pay the 82% of Quota for this month, without needing any other income.

There is a Gift Aid reclaim to be sent off which should be for about £1400 and hopefully with money made on Bazaar in November, that should be sufficient to hit out target of 82% by the end of the year. This is a tremendous effort made by members of the congregation in comparison to the position we found ourselves in a couple of years ago. Much of this is due to the various fund raising events we continue to hold.

4. Last Night of the Proms

This was a fabulous evenings with all the traditions of Last Night of the Proms employed i.e. bunting, flag waving and of course Land of Hope and Glory and Jerusalem! As we “borrowed” the organist and organiser from Danbury who put this on every other year we are hoping to do the same. We are hoping to do something else next year and are to discuss what format this would take.

5. Mission Weekend – WW1 Event

This Saturday we are holding our WW1 event involving schools, uniformed organisations and representatives from Stow Maries Aerodrome and the Chaplin from Colchester Barracks.

End of report

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

no report.

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

Sylvia wishes to cease being the Diocesan Rep. She is pleased that Bishop Williams wishes this meeting to continue. It meets twice a year. It seems unclear as to whether this Rep has to attend each and every Council meeting if all that is required is to report on those bi-annual sessions.

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

The President, Fr Niall, agreed that Sylvia, as Liturgy Rep, would need only to attend when necessary to report to Council about the special Liturgies: example, before Easter and before Christmas.

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

This month has seen the children supporting our Harvest Appeals.

We have followed Gospel values by collecting food items for the homeless adults of Chelmsford. Mrs Huish delivered ten large boxes of items to the CHESS centre at New London Road on 10th October.

The children also learnt about the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day appeal. Children learnt how much food is wasted in the UK each day and were invited to think about how they can waste less. Each child took home a CAFOD envelope to make a donation of money that they had saved by not having a treat on Friday 3rd October. Mrs Linda Orr from CAFOD led an assembly and commented on how she found the children to be thoughtful and reflective during the presentation.

Religious Education: Autumn Term whole staff training led by Mrs Alison Huish where staff were invited to reflect on the 'Come and See' RE Programme. The training commenced with prayers and focus on the icons in place on class prayer tables; music and video images were played to show how we can enhance the teaching of the programme. Staff shared good practice and planned for their next steps in delivering the topics for the remainder of this term.

Many families within the school community are celebrating Baptisms.

Mrs Ginzler-Maher continues to be the executive head of St Francis School Maldon whilst still in place as the Head Teacher of St Joseph's School. Her responsibilities are shared between both schools. The senior leadership team of Mrs Howard, Mrs Webster and Mrs Huish at St Joseph's oversees the school management in Mrs Ginzler-Maher's absence.

We continue to thank Father Niall for his dedication to the school and its community.

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

The Calendar idea has taken shape. Jacqui showed the Council the product which will be altered slightly but will be printed and on sale soon for £10 each. Printing costs for 100 calendars: a quote from a company: £700. Jacqui's husband's price: £250.

If all are sold = £1000, with profits of £650.

Everyone liked the calendar, the idea and congratulated the Committee on the initiative and the potential financial rewards. Great work.

Other Social Committee points:

- Quiz Night will be 22 November in St Joseph's Hall. Tickets £5 per adult and £3 per child (must be year 5 or older). Tickets on sale from the first weekend in November
- Christmas Raffle: Tickets will go on sale from 15/16 November and the draw will be on 14 December. First prize will be £50 and the rest of the prizes will be bottles of alcohol. Some suitable donations will be accepted.

- Dance will be 21 March 2015.
- Clothes Collection: we still need storage for this to work.
- The new Ladies Meeting was not well attended. Only 4 came, 3 from SWF and 1 from Danbury.

14. **Presbytery Report.** John Geary

The new kitchen is almost complete save for some snagging works and a bit of painting.

Some maintenance in the garden is needed.

15. **AOB.**

Fr Niall - A young St Joseph's School student, aged 5, was hit by a car going to school recently and she is making good progress. She may be out of hospital soon.

Alison - Visas for India all done and she leaves during half term and is back on 10 November.

RSW - Referred back to the AGM discussion and having read the Constitution appertaining to elections, there seems to be a bar to accepting fresh nominations after the Oct meeting. One member suggested that this provision could be deleted at the AGM along with the other Constitutional amendments due to be voted on. There was no real discussion on this as it arose as an AOB item. To be ironed out later!

16. **100 Club.** Kath Gable supervised the choosing of the numbers for the Club. They will be published in the Newsletters.

The Meeting ended at 9.10 pm

Closing Prayer.