

Parish Pastoral Council Committee Meeting

held on

Monday 12 January 2015

Attendees

President: Father Niall Harrington; Fr Niall

Chair: John Geary; JG

Kathy Johnston; KJ

Jacqui Davis; JD

Alison Huish; AH

Mary Huntington; MH

Clare Hopkins; CH

Sue Benjamin; SB

Jenny Sismey; JS

Patricia MacLachlan; PM

Robin Mac Guinness; RM

Father Niall opened the meeting with a prayer

1. Apologies received from:

Secretary: Rachael Williams; RW

Treasurer: Steve Gallagher; SG

2. Minutes of last meeting / matters arising from the minutes not otherwise on the agenda – None.

The minutes of the last meeting on the 08 December 2014 were noted as being satisfactory.

3. Calendar and dates

The following dates were agreed for future meetings all commencing at 8pm:

March – Monday 09 at South Woodham Ferrers (SWF)

April – Monday 13 at Danbury (D)

May – Monday 11 at SWF

June – Monday 08 at D

July – Monday 06 at D (Social evening)

August – No meeting

September – Monday 14 at SWF

October – Monday 12 at D

November – Monday 09 at SWF (AGM)

4. Vacancies to fill

Due to work commitments Rachael has had to relinquish the position of Diocesan representative; Claire Hopkins volunteered to fill this role.

5. "Live Simply" campaign

PM reported as follows:

- a) The mince pie and mulled wine event on the 04 January in the Gay Bowers barn was a stimulating and worthwhile event in which the results of this summer's questionnaires were discussed with parishioners.
- b) Matt Harris is helping the core group to set up a page on the parish website to post photographs and summaries for a wider audience of action plans and future events.
- c) The first of the monthly practical invitations to "Live Simply" has appeared in the newsletter with tips for recycling Christmas cards and wrapping for charity.
- d) The first of the parish walks was organised on the 10 January to enjoy God's creation together.

6. Justice and Peace CAFOD

A parish jumble sale, which is our main event, is being organised to raise funds for charities at home and abroad. It will be in Danbury Village Hall on Saturday 28 February at 1.30pm. All offers of help from 9.00am onwards will be appreciated particularly for assistance in arranging stall and furniture.

7. Fabric report: Danbury and South Woodham Ferrers

JG to contact Adrian for an update on Danbury.

JG advised that he had volunteered to replace Matt Harris at the JCC meetings; the next being on the 04 March.

8. Ecumenical report Little Baddow and SWF and JCC

Whilst there was no meeting in December it was reported that a social was held and the Christmas bazaar made a profit in excess of the previous year.

9. Treasurer's report

Two copies of the detailed annual accounts were handed out. Whilst some members had questions on a number of issues it was felt that these could wait for SG's attendance at a future meeting as he would be able to provide answers to the various queries.

10. Anglican PCC

No report.

11. Methodist PCC

No report.

12. Diocesan report

As reported above Claire Hopkins is now our Diocesan representative.

13. Liturgy group

Sylvia Lanz remains as our representative and will attend these meetings occasionally.

14. St Joseph's School

Alison presented her report as follows:

Advent was a busy time in school with the children preparing for the birthday of Our Lord.

The children from Key Stage One – Years One and Two presented a Nativity play in the church giving three performances to packed houses.

The youngest children in the school from Pre-school and Reception class worked together to present a traditional Nativity which told the story of the first Christmas. This was well received by many proud family members.

Children from Key Stage Two prepared the readings and reflections for the Christmas Mass. Each child in the school and staff member presented a wrapped gift for a needy child of the Diocese. Over two hundred gifts were delivered to the headquarters of BCCS for distribution before Christmas.

Advent preparations also saw children singing at care homes and supporting local community events such as Farleigh "Light up a life" service and the South Woodham Ferrers Carol service at the bandstand.

The children enjoyed a traditional Christmas dinner, which was served to them by teachers and staff members.

At the beginning of this spring term all the classes are undertaking the "Come and see" RE topic based on the local church community. Classes will be preparing for class masses and as a school we look forward to the education Sunday mass at English Martyrs on the 31 January.

15. Social Committee

KJ reported as follows:

- a) 220 raffle tickets issued; 86 returned and generated a profit of £380.00.
- b) The sale of the calendars generated a profit of approximately £820.00.
Many thanks to Jacqui and her husband for their valuable input.
- c) The parish dance is being arranged for the 14 March.
- d) The parish bazaar is being arranged for the 06 June.

16. Presbytery report

JG reported as follows:

- a) New light fittings have been fitted in the office, study and main bedroom.
- b) Various other items of ongoing maintenance have been undertaken.

17. 100 Club

Nothing to report.

18. Any other business

Several parishioners have advised that they find the extended projector screen distracting while at prayer in the church. Apparently the device has malfunctioned. JG to ask the JCC what course of action is proposed.

Father Niall closed the meeting with a prayer