

## **Parish Pastoral Council Committee Meeting held on**

**Monday 7th December 2015 8pm.**

President: Father Niall Harrington; Fr Niall

Chair: John Geary; JG

Secretary: Mary Huntington MH

Treasurer: Steve Gallagher; SG

Attendees: Alison Huish; AH; Jenny Sismey; JS; Robin McGuinness; RM

Kathy Johnston KJ; Sue Benjamin; SB

Father Niall opened the meeting with a prayer and mentioned Year of Mercy starting next day.

1. Apologies received from: Stephen Gallagher and Clare Hopkins.

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

The minutes of the last meeting of the AGM 9 Nov 2015 were noted as being satisfactory.

### 3. Calendar and dates

Future meeting dates and venues are as follows all commencing at 8pm:

Jan 11 2016 – SWF

Feb 8 - Danbury

March 14 – SWF

April 11 - Danbury

May 9 - SWF

June 13 – Danbury – Mass and celebration of 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fr Niall's ordination

July 11 – SWF

Sept 12 – Danbury

Oct 10 – SWF

Nov 14 – SWF - AGM

Fr Niall welcomed new member of committee: Bernard Dayer

### 4. "Live Simply" campaign

- Encouraging parishioners to collect for CHES at Masses next week.
- Parish walk on 9 January 2016 in the Burnham area, meeting in carpark of St Cuthbert's at 1.30 and ending at a tea room. All welcome. Details to be published in newsletter each week until then.
- 20 February 2016 there will be a soup lunch for Lent at Holy Trinity at 12 noon.
- We could do with a monthly Fair Trade stall set up at the English Martyrs church.
- Unfortunately, bell ringers event has had to be cancelled.

5. Justice and Peace CAFOD – no report.

### 6. Fabric reports

- Car park works have been carried out at Danbury, costing £4300. Work involved mending of broken parts, painting of markings, alteration of disabled ramp to correct slope.
- At SWF broken steps at east entrance which were an H&S hazard have been repaired today.
- Pump on SWF central heating system has had to be replaced as defective.

- Many people have remarked that the new carpet around the altar has frayed very badly at edges – because the edges were left unfinished. Maplefords have been asked to come back to repair.
- John said he and others are going to clean the meeting room carpet as a DIY job, hiring cleaning equipment from Asda ( c £40).
- A quote of £840 for redecoration of the woodwork on the external entrances has been received. The work will be carried out in the spring.

#### 7. Treasurer's Report

- Overdraft has been relatively static at £7900.
- No extraordinary income or expenditure.
- Expenditure on repairs to car park and cladding on the presbytery will affect overdraft over next few months. Will be slightly offset by typical increase of £1000 in income over Christmas.

#### 8. Ecumenical Report

None received.

#### 9. Anglican PCC

- On Nov 10 there was a confirmation service with candidates from across the diocese held at Holy Trinity. The Church was full and Bishop John Wraw presided at a lovely service. It was good to see him back at HT looking so well.
- Rev Jane has taken up a new position as one of the chaplains at Broomfield Hospital.
- We held Church Bazaar on 21 Nov and despite the activities outside the Church starting later this year, almost as we were to finish, we still managed to raise £1900.

#### 10. Methodist PCC

- The meeting agreed the purchase of 30 NRSV Bibles for the church. Rev Sue had spoken to Rev Carol and Fr Niall about the change of Bible and both were in agreement.
- A donation of £350 will be given to JCC to help towards further Church refurbishment eg painting the outside of the Church and notice boards.
- The welcome service for our new Superintendent Minister Revd Mike Lewis was well attended and Mike is already looking at how churches in the circuit have responded to a church review we did a few years ago. He wants us all to look again at them in the light of 'The five practices of fruitful congregations' by Robert Schnase. In the five Sundays between Easter and Pentecost 2016 all churches in the circuit will be looking at these – one each Sunday. The aim is then to pick one to focus on for 12 months.
- Revd Sue's time with us should end in August 2016. She has offered a further year on a part time basis. This has been agreed by the Circuit. An open meeting is to be held on Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 7.30pm in Witham to discuss how this could work.

#### 11. Social Committee Report - December 2015

- Calendars have sold well. We have three left in SWF and 11 in Danbury. We were seven short from the printers and are awaiting these to sell in SWF. Thank you to Robin for helping us by selling them at English Martyrs. Final figures will be available at next meeting.
- We need a new Social Committee as all members stepping down. Maybe we could ask via the Newsletter for volunteers, unless members of PCC are willing to take it on.

Fr Niall thanked the retiring Social Committee of Kath Johnston, Rosemary Tidmarsh, Barbara Fenn and Jacqui Davis, for their hard work over the last 3½ years which has resulted in significant funds for the parish. Rosemary and Jim will still do the quiz, however. And Fr Niall has spoken to someone who may volunteer at SWF.

### 12. Presbytery Report

John Geary reported that a broken spur on the fence and fractured brickwork in the wall had been replaced. Replacement of cladding with maintenance-free fibreboard still to be done. Other works carried out as a result of H&S inspection – Carbon monoxide detector and fire blanket.

### 13. 100 Club

Full membership

### 14. AOB

The owner of Stratford House opposite English Martyrs is threatening to clamp any cars that park there, night or day. So a notice is to go out to all parishioners warning them about this.

Diocesan centenary coming up in 2017: numerous events planned.

Meeting closed with a prayer.