

Parish Pastoral Council Committee Meeting held on

Monday 11th Jan 2016 8pm, SWF.

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

Sue Benjamin; SB; Peter Blackman; Kath Johnson KJ; Patricia McClachlan

Father Niall opened the meeting with a prayer.

1. Apologies: Bernard Dayer; Clare Hopkins

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

The minutes of the last meeting were noted as being satisfactory.

3. Ecumenical issues

Peter Blackman from Joint Church Council and SWF Christian Council (inc Evangelical and New Life) spoke about an Outreach Group organising joint activities and worship services. Meets on a regular basis and is chaired by Rev Carol Ball.

- Main things that have happened lately: Remembrance Service (mainly Holy Trinity effort); Crib Service – crib set up in church;
- Coming up: ecumenical Lent house groups, with different people doing sessions. Could we ask for someone to help on these in the newsletter?
- On SWF Christian Council front, there is a plan to set up a foodbank, co-ordinated by New Life Church in Clements Green Lane. People who might be interested in volunteering are being invited to a meeting with speaker from Trussell Trust on Sun 7 Feb, 6.30pm.
- A Film Club has been set up under Domaris Trust aiming to show films which prompt reflective discussions around ethical and spiritual aspects. First film shown before Christmas was Nativity 2; next one on 20 Feb at 4pm at Trinity possibly Inside Out. Aim is to alternate between Evangelical Church and Holy Trinity.
- Christian Council thinks Bar'n'Bus has had its day. A YMCA-facilitated meeting to be held in Chelmsford to look at best way of working with youth in town today and how to improve engagement and cost (prohibitive at moment).
- A week of prayer for Christian unity is coming up. Fri 22 Jan Evangelical church open all day 8.30-8.30 for prayer, private and joint, for needs of town.
- Two ecumenical services at Easter – Good Friday Walk of Witness starting at Spa 10.30am. Sunrise service on Easter Sunday down by the river. Encourage people to come along – not well attended by Catholics generally.
- Passion Play continues – this year in Chelmsford, driven by Bishop John Wraw.

4. Calendar and dates

Clash of dates on March 14 – meeting cancelled.

5. Live Simply

- Walk on 9 Jan attended by seven people – sunny and pleasant in Burnham. Need to co-ordinate cars next time to cut down on fuel use.
- Next thing is to push on with meeting Cafod delegate to get action plan approved.
- Lenten soup lunch coming up and also aiming to have an open meeting about the theology of climate change – would like to get the East Anglian rep for Cafod to do it.

6. Justice and Peace

- Aiming to have a meeting with Steve G, Graham Tickle and Jacqui Wright about use of energy at Danbury to hopefully reduce it.
- Fair Trade sales successfully happening at both ends of parish monthly. Danbury raised £25 yesterday.
- Chess collection – very good response.
- Jumble Sale coming up on 12 March in Danbury Village Hall – helpers needed please. Funds raised will be shared between school in Sierra Leone and local charities.

7. Fabric Reports

- Maplefords have undertaken to replace carpet on Holy Trinity sanctuary. John will check that edges are finished properly this time. Help will be required to move furniture.
- Central heating pump and pipework both replaced at cost of c£400 and £250 respectively.

8. Treasurer's Report

- Parish was overdrawn by £12,500 before Christmas, now £9,000.

9. Anglican Report

10. Methodist Report

- Discussions still ongoing around whether part-time ministry will work.

11. St Joseph's School

- In a new initiative, a class of children is joining Fr Niall for Thursday 9am Mass.

12. Social Committee

- Kathy reports income from calendars of £820 minus costs.
- Social committee standing down but quiz nights to continue. Committee has raised £3000 a year over last three years. Thanks to Kathy and others for all hard work.
- Need to put something in newsletter to call for volunteers/ideas.

13. Presbytery report

- Pruning of trees and minor maintenance carried out.
- Waiting for cladding to be done (c£1400)

14. 100 Club

Club is fully subscribed.

15. Liturgy Report

- Fr Niall expressed gratitude to those who helped with Liturgy over Christmas.
- Good numbers on New Year's Day Mass - good to see.
- Liturgy group to meet soon to plan Lent and Easter as so early.

16. AOB

- Alison Huish planning a Live Simply-inspired 'Helpful Handbags' collection for homeless women: don't throw out your old handbags which can be filled with helpful items such as toiletries, scarves, underwear etc
- Next meeting 8 Feb Danbury.

Meeting closed with a prayer.