

Parish Pastoral Council Committee Meeting
held on
Monday 22 June 2015

Attendees

President: Father Niall Harrington; Fr Niall
Chair: John Geary; JG
Kathy Johnston; KJ
Alison Huish; AH
Sue Benjamin; SB
Claire Hopkins; CH
Patricia MacLachlan; PM

Father Niall opened the meeting with a prayer

1. Apologies received from:

Secretary: Rachael Williams; RW
Treasurer: Steve Gallagher; SG
Jenny Sismey; JS
Jacqui Davis; JD
Robin McGuinness; RM

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

The minutes of the last meeting on the 11 May 2015 were noted as being satisfactory.

3. Calendar and dates

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

July – No meeting as this was combined with the June meeting / 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
None at present.

5. “Live Simply” campaign
27 June is the Live Simply Cheese and wine evening. All invited. A raffle will be drawn.

6. Justice and Peace CAFOD
£280.00 was raised for Christian Aid by way of cake sales.

7. Fabric report: Danbury and South Woodham Ferrers

- Authorisation has been granted for the PAT works associated with portable electrical equipment used in the church e.g. vacuum cleaners, kettle, photocopier, water boiler, audio equipment, etc

- Orders have now been placed for the redecoration of the ceiling in the church (including the scaffolding), the replacement of the carpet in the church and the two chair stores and the replacement of the kitchen in the meeting room. Attached is a programme for the works. Sunday services for all three denominations will be held in St Joseph's School hall on the 09, 16, 23 and 30 August. Weekday services will be held in the meeting room – the exception being the week commencing the 24 August when the kitchen will be replaced.
- A date is to be arranged for training fire marshals.
- Quotes are being sought for new notice boards for a) information on Ministers and times of services and b) general notices.

8. Ecumenical report Little Baddow and SWF and JCC
Nothing to report

9. Treasurer's report

In terms of our finances, our bank balance continues to slowly improve and as at today we are £11,500 overdrawn. We are expecting the Gift Aid refund to arrive soon and be circa £9,000.

The accounts for 2014/5 have been completed, signed and submitted to Brentwood.

10. Anglican PCC
see separate sheet

11. Methodist PCC

For my report will you let members know that we raised £270 at the "toilet twinning" coffee morning and have been able to buy a toilet block for a school. Thank you very much .

12. Diocesan report

As reported above Claire Hopkins is now our Diocesan representative.

13. Liturgy group

Nothing to report.

14. St Joseph's School

AH reported that the school was very busy and preparing for the end of school year events.

15. Social Committee

KJ reported as follows:

Raffle envelopes have gone out and are being returned via the collection plate. To date approximately £570 has been collected. Two of the prizes are sporty. Three month Gym Membership at Danbury Sports Club and a round of golf at The Warren for four. It has been decided that if these prizes are won by parishioners and not wanted that we will offer them for sale via the Newsletter.

The Parish Calendar for 2016 is in hand and will be sold later in the year.

16. Presbytery report

Various other items of ongoing maintenance have been undertaken. Some works have been undertaken in the garden.

17. 100 Club

Nothing to report.

18. Any other business

Jane Richardson's Ordination

KJ said that she has bought a Rose in a Terracotta Pot (and an Ordination Card that Father Niall has signed) from the Catholic Community to present to Rev Jane Richardson to celebrate her Ordination. The Rose is called St Ethelburga and KJ has printed off information about the Saint to give to Jane. St Ethelburga is also the name of a Church in Bishopsgate in the City of London that was damaged by a bomb in 1993. The Church was restored and reopened as a Centre for Reconciliation and Peace.

KJ has spoken to Rev Carol and she has said that it would be nice if it was presented to Jane on the 12th July as this will be Jane's first Eucharistic Service. Carol suggested that it is presented at the beginning of their 10.00 am Service. JG said he would accompany Kathy to the Service.

Father Niall closed the meeting with a prayer

The social evening then followed; many thanks to Kathy for organising the food.

ALL – PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS MEETING WAS A COMBINED MEETING FOR JUNE AND JULY. AS IS CUSTOMARY THERE IS NO MEETING IN AUGUST SO THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER IN SWF AT 8PM.