

Saint Edmund's Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2011

Present: Father David, Clive Alabaster, John Cooke, Tricia Davies, Owen Dias, Anne Marie Goddard, Christine Martin, Anne Morgan-Jones, Teresa Quinn, Maria Wykes, Paul Blake (Clerk).

Apologies: Jane Murphy.

The meeting opened with a prayer.

Father David welcomed Owen Dias as a new member of the Parish Pastoral Council.

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The minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2011 were agreed as a true record; it was reported that Mary Cooke and Judi Willet would be leading the meeting for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on 11th December.

Arrangements for the visitation of Bishop in January 2012.

The visitation by the Bishop will take place over the weekend of 21st – 22nd January 2012. It was agreed that since the ecumenical closing service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is taking place at Saint Edmund's Church on the afternoon of Sunday 22nd January, the arrangements for the Bishop's visitation would be as follows:

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee will meet with the Bishop in the church hall after the Saturday evening Mass. Tea and coffee will be available. The format of the meeting will be as planned for the original postponed visitation, Tricia Davies would report on 'adult formation' since Clive Alabaster will not be able to attend. (The Clerk will contact members of the Finance Committee and circulate to all the agenda for the meeting.)

A parish social event will be held directly after the Sunday morning Mass at the school. Tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits will be served. The church hall will not be used after the Sunday morning Mass but will be used for refreshments after the afternoon ecumenical service.

Golden Jubilee of laying of the foundation stone of the church – March 2012.

A special Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at church on Sunday 4th March 2012 on the 50th anniversary of the laying of the church foundation stone. Work will be undertaken in the porch to replace the main entrance doors of the church and incorporate stained glass panels above the door frame, in time for this Golden Jubilee Mass. This Sunday morning Mass will start in the main car park with a blessing of the church doors and a procession of all present into the church. Although being in Lent, special flower displays could be mounted in the porch. Refreshments after Mass will be served in the church hall and garden.

Confirmations 2012.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the parish on 27th June 2012. A weekend retreat is being planned for candidates in March 2012.

Other Business.

Three new volunteers have come forward to assist with the Children's Liturgy of the Word.

It was suggested that safeguarding training in the New Year should be considered for all parish volunteers working with children and/or vulnerable adults.

Adult formation sessions could be held in Lent 2012 using the DVD of the BBC's 'The Passion' series, and perhaps similar sessions could be held in Advent 2012 using a DVD series on 'The Saints'.

Maria Wykes reported that it is hoped to hold an event for young people on Monday 19th December with the help of David Wheat the diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator.

Rob Pickford had supplied an analysis of replies to a questionnaire relating to the 'Raise the Roof' event. It was noted that because of the parish social event to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the Queen's reign at the school on Sunday 3rd June 2012 there would not be a 'Raise the Roof' event in 2012.

Discussion took place regarding the 'new' format of the weekly newsletters and Father David reported that there were no plans to reintroduced newsletters with the text of the Sunday readings. A note will be placed in the newsletters indicating sources for the text of the readings, either from publications such as 'Daily Readings' or 'Magnificat' or from various internet sites.

Date of next meetings.

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet with Bishop Declan on Saturday 21st January 2012 after the 6.00.p.m. Mass.

The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be on Sunday 5th February 2012 at 11.30.a.m.

The meeting ended with a prayer at 12.15.p.m.