

# **Saint Edmund's Parish Pastoral Council**

## **Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2010**

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**Present:** Father David, John Cooke, Hannah Cooke, Tricia Davies, Cari Depla, Anne Marie Goddard, Christine Martin, Jane Murphy, Teresa Quinn, Emily Starosolsky, Maria Wykes, Paul Blake (Clerk).

**Apologies:** Clive Alabaster, Anne Morgan-Jones, Luke Willett.

The meeting opened with a prayer.

The minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2010 were agreed as a true record.

### **Matters arising from the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2010.**

Luke Willett has agreed to serve as a member of the Parish Pastoral Council.

Glen Alabaster has agreed to accept responsibility for the parish web site.

Elizabeth Hitchens has agreed to organise the monthly updated list in the porch of parishioners who are unwell or housebound.

Morning Prayer is now being celebrated before weekday Masses.

### **The Papal Visit.**

Father David reported that there were few further details regarding arrangements for the Papal Visit from 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2010. The Mass originally scheduled to be celebrated at Coventry Airport will now take place at Cofton Park, Birmingham. Glen Alabaster will represent the parish by attending the events for young people at Westminster Cathedral and Hyde Park.

### **The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, (RCIA) and adult formation and catechises.**

Because the diocese is now organising a series of talks on the faith, "Rooted in Christ" from October, the series of talks within the parish in the autumn will no longer take place. The talks in Lent 2011 will continue as planned. The list of the diocesan talks and speakers is on display on the notice board in the porch. Paul Blake will attach a list to this schedule so that parishioners can indicate their intention to attend and can organise shared transport.

The leaflets produced by the Redemptorists, providing the main content for a RCIA programme have been ordered. A full page advertisement will be placed in the 'Town Crier' magazine and will be publicised through the school. The schedule of meetings in parishioners' homes will be drawn up once the numbers of those taking part are known.

### **Diocesan Pastoral Guidelines.**

The new diocesan booklet, 'Parishes in Communion for Mission' setting out the future organisation of parishes, was distributed. Plans will need to be drawn up regarding the way in which parishes could work together, for example with sacramental preparation. This area, along with representation on the Deanery Pastoral Council, will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Youth ministry.**

Maria Wykes reported to the Parish Pastoral Council following her attendance at a national youth conference, explaining that “youth is a gift to be shared not a problem to be solved.” She referred to the work of CYMFed, (Catholic Youth Ministry Federation), and their publication ‘Mapping the Terrain’, a report on research carried out on the attitudes of young Catholics. She spoke of the changing attitudes of youth, their needs, handing on the community to the next generation, and possible ways forward.

It was noted that the diocese has recently appointed David Wheat as the ‘Youth Ministry Co-ordinator’ and that he has now taken up his post. After discussion of various successful practical initiatives in relation to work with youth, it was suggested that a ‘youth team’ should be formed within the parish to address the issues. Maria Wykes, Emily Starosolsky and Jane Murphy were willing to serve on this group and other parishioners will be approached to join with them.

Father David stated that this group would need to comply with the diocesan safeguarding procedures and complete the necessary safeguarding documents and checks through Paul Blake who is the Parish Safeguarding Representative. The group should then meet, if necessary for a day of planning, and then could report back to the next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council.

**Next Meeting.**

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at 11.30.a.m.

Items to be discussed will include: youth ministry and hospitality ministry, links with Saint Mary’s Parish in Chippenham, and the Deanery Pastoral Council.

The meeting closed with a prayer at 12.35.