

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

## **Minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

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**Present:** Father Vincent, Elizabeth Hitchens, Tricia Davies, Christine Martin, Teresa Quinn, (Chair), Paul Blake (Clerk).

The meeting opened with a prayer at 7.30.p.m.

### **Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018:**

These minutes were approved. It was noted that the parish pilgrimage had been successful, that the Holy Week services had gone well and that the Curry and Quiz Night had raised approximately £88.

### **Parish Projects:**

To date £1,837.08 has been raised for the parish projects. £1,600 had been paid to the charity "Living Water Myanmar". Rosemary Breen the founder of the charity will visit the parish on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

### **Link with the parish of Saint Anthony of Padua, Melksham:**

A joint meeting with members of the Parish Pastoral Council of Saint Anthony's was held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018, a further meeting is scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018. With respect to the two Parish Pastoral Councils, or a joint Parish Pastoral Council, it has been proposed that two joint meetings are held each year and four separate meetings to be held in each parish. This will be discussed with the Bishop when he visits Melksham on 30<sup>th</sup> May. Father Vincent reported that a supply priest was available to help with Masses at Christmas and Easter.

### **Sacristan Duties:**

With Father Vincent celebrating another Mass in Melksham on Sunday mornings from September there is a need for a rota of parishioners to prepare the church for Mass on Sunday mornings. An item will be placed in the newsletter and a rota drawn up. Training will be provided for those volunteering.

### **Pastoral care of the sick and housebound:**

Father Vincent reported that at present there are sufficient Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to visit the sick and housebound. He has sent the names of the present Extraordinary Ministers to the Bishop to ensure that they are officially appointed.

### **Items from Calne Partnership of Churches:**

Elizabeth Hitchens reported on recent events and noted that an ecumenical walk will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> July. Teresa Quinn reported that the organisers of the Calne Food Bank are looking at the suitability of using a room at the Community Centre on Coleman's Farm for storage.

### **Other items:**

Tricia Davies reported that the Friends of Saint Edmund's School are offering the parish a Bottle Stall at the Summer Fayre to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> June. If parishioners can be found to organise and run such a stall then the parish will be able to keep all money raised.

Christine Martin noted that the Prayer of the Faithful for each week of the year was now available on the diocesan website.

Paul Blake reported that the diocese had produced a new data and privacy policy to comply with the General Data Protection Regulations.

### **Next meeting:**

The next meeting will be the joint meeting with Melksham Parish Pastoral Council on 21<sup>st</sup> June at 7.30.p.m. at Saint Anthony of Padua, Melksham.

The meeting closed with a prayer at 8.35.p.m.