

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

## **Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

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

The meeting opened with a prayer at 7.40.p.m.

Teresa Quinn welcomed Kathleen Joyce and Helen Murphy to the meeting.

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

These minutes were approved. It was noted that Rosemary Breen the founder of the charity "Living Water Myanmar" had visited the parish on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

### **Report on the joint meeting with the Parish Pastoral Council of Saint Anthony's, Melksham**

A joint meeting with members of both Parish Pastoral Councils was held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018. It was agreed that two joint meetings should be held each year. The dates are Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at Saint Edmund's, Calne and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 at Saint Anthony's, Melksham.

### **Plans for meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

It was agreed that an agenda for this meeting would be drawn up at the next meeting of the Saint Edmund's Parish Pastoral Council.

### **Update on Parish Projects:**

To date £1,600 had been donated to the charity "Living Water Myanmar", and £1,277.37 has been raised for the charity "Emmaus". Future fund raising events needed to be held to help achieve the original target set of £ 5,000. The possibility of a carol service followed by teas was discussed. It was agreed that an item should be placed in the newsletter inviting parishioners to come forward with ideas for Parish Project fund raising events.

### **Items from Father Vincent**

Three parishioners had attended 'Adoremus' - the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool.

Father Vincent read extracts from a 'Question and Answer' sheet prepared by the Diocese concerning the new General Data Protection Regulation.

Help was required to prepare refreshments after a funeral to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September; Teresa Quinn offered to organise this.

The Town Mayor had asked the local Ministers to consider a Street Pastor scheme for the town, working during day hours. Father Vincent had supported this idea in principle, but noted that such Street Pastors would need appropriate training.

The Calne Baptist Church had received a substantial financial donation and was considering either enlargement of its current premises or relocation to the centre of the town. If the latter proposal was accepted it would include storage accommodation for the Calne Food Bank.

The annual count of attendance at Masses takes place in the near future. The offertory collectors will be asked to undertake this.

Father Vincent had met the new interim Headteacher of Saint Edmund's School. The school was planning to have a significant presence at Mass on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November, the Solemnity of Christ the King.

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

The ecumenical walk had taken place in August, and various items from the minutes of the last Partnership meeting were noted.

**Other items:**

'Epiphanies of beauty' – an exhibition of Christian art will be held in the church from 4<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> October and will form part of the Calne Music and Arts Festival.

The parish website is being updated to a new format, in keeping with the Diocesan website.

It was suggested that the Seventh Station of the Cross could be decorated with red poppies on Remembrance Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 which marks 100 years since the end of World War I.

Consideration will need to be given to the forthcoming Diocesan 'Year of Prayer'.

It was noted that Mary Cooke was unable to commit as much time as she had previously to the First Communion Programme and the children's Liturgy of the Word. It may be possible to secure sufficient volunteers to work with John Cooke on leading sessions for parents but an overall co-ordinator of the Programme was needed and a catechist to work with the children. It was noted that with the change of time of the Sunday Mass any sessions may have to be held before, rather than after, the Sunday morning Mass. No decision was taken as to how to proceed with this item.

Teresa Quinn explained the difficulties in securing volunteers to help lead the children's Liturgy of the Word sessions despite the fact that several parishioners have the necessary safeguarding clearance for this role. Teresa Quinn agreed to contact these parishioners to see if they would be prepared to occasionally lead a session on a rota basis.

It was suggested that if insufficient volunteers could be secured for the cleaning of the presbytery then consideration could be given to employing a part-time cleaner.

**Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7.30.p.m.

The joint meeting with Melksham Parish Pastoral Council will be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at Saint Edmund's.

The meeting closed with a prayer at 9.10.p.m.