

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

## **Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

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**Present:** Father Vincent, John Cooke, Tricia Davies, Christine Martin, Anne Morgan-Jones, Teresa Quinn, (Chair),  
Paul Blake (Clerk).

**Apologies:** None received.

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

### **Minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017.**

These minutes were approved. It was noted that an additional parking space for disabled parishioners had been swiftly put in place.

### **Sacramental preparation:**

First Communions:

The meetings in connection with this programme had now been completed. It was requested that Mary Cooke now speak to Hubie Dias regarding the music for the First Communion Mass.

Confirmations:

It was reported that the meetings are generally well attended and that plans are being made for a residential weekend in the autumn. It was noted that a request would need to be made to use the school for a reception after the Confirmation Mass.

### **Parish project update.**

Recent fund raising events have meant that the total to date stands at approximately £ 1,165. It was agreed that a first contribution of £ 1,000 should now be made to the designated charity.

### **Recruitment and training of Altar Servers.**

Mary Cooke had submitted a proposal regarding the recruitment and training of Altar Servers. This was discussed and Father Vincent reported that he had three new volunteers to serve. A new MC and sacristan were both still needed. It was noted that at some stage consideration should be given as to the reasons why there is a shortage of volunteers. It was also noted that the irregular attendance of some existing Altar Servers meant that a rota might be desirable. Father Vincent reported that the situation was "in hand at the moment".

### **Training of Readers.**

Anne Morgan-Jones requested that training be provided for Readers. After discussions it was agreed that Anne Morgan-Jones would meet with John Cooke to arrange such training in the autumn.

### **Parish pilgrimage.**

It was agreed that Tricia Davies be requested to now obtain quotes and specific dates for a pilgrimage to take place in the spring of 2018 based on 30 people. Once these were available parishioners would be invited to take part. If less than 30 spaces are filled an invitation would be extended to St. Mary's Parish, Chippenham.

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

It had not been possible to arrange hustings for the General Election. The Songs of Praise on The Green would now take place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July. A joint walk was being arranged for the summer and the church would be open as part of Calne Heritage Week on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Other items:**

Teresa Quinn agreed to contact Christine Meyer regarding the distribution of Holy Communion to the sick and housebound.

A rota for music at Sunday morning Masses for the next few months will be drawn up through discussions this coming weekend with the various musicians.

A 'thank you' gift will be organised to give to Charles Taylor.

A parish barbecue will be held on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July after the morning Mass in the presbytery garden. There will be no charge but donations will be accepted.

Christine Martin will make contact with the Rise Theatre Company to see if a performance of their play on Oscar Romero can be organised later in the year.

Anne Morgan-Jones suggested a set of knitted crib figures be circulated to various parishioners' homes during Advent. It was agreed that this would be desirable and practical details would be discussed at a future meeting.

Paul Blake noted that many agenda items for the meeting focused upon 'maintenance' rather than 'mission', and that perhaps the balance could be redressed. Father Vincent stated that a new diocesan document would be available later in the year which would aid this process.

### **Next meeting.**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 at 7.30.p.m. in the church hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00.p.m. with a prayer.