

Saint Edmund's Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2018

Present: John Cooke, Tricia Davies, Elizabeth Hitchens, Christine Martin, Teresa Quinn, (Chair), Paul Blake (Clerk).

Apologies: Father Vincent

The meeting opened with a prayer at 7.35p.m.

Teresa Quinn reported that Ian McCallum of Saint Mary's Chippenham had died. Ian had served on the Parish Pastoral Council as a representative from Saint Mary's, Chippenham and supported many inter-parish events.

Minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2017:

These minutes were approved. Thanks were extended to John and Mary Cooke for organising the Advent Cream Teas; over £ 600 was raised. The circulation of the knitted crib figures went well. The family Mass on Christmas Eve was well attended and many visitors to the parish were at the Christmas morning Mass.

Sacrament preparation:

The programme of preparation for First Communions had started with nine candidates.

Parish Pilgrimage:

To date 10 parishioners have expressed a wish to attend this pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in April 2018. A new poster giving details of the pilgrimage has been produced and Father Vincent will be asked to speak at the end of Masses to see if there is any further support.

Parish Projects:

Two projects were agreed at the parish meeting in December, and a target of £5,000 was set. The 'Pie and Pint' evening on 27th January will be the first fund raising event.

"A Future Full of Hope" – A Year of Mission:

Diocesan booklets to support this venture were circulated to those present. Christine Martin volunteered to look at organising some adult formation sessions, perhaps based upon aspects of the Gospel of Saint Mark. It was agreed that it would be desirable to provide copies of the pocket sized CTS 'Gospel of Saint Mark' to those attending.

Additional Appointed Person for the registration of weddings held at the church:

Liz Watkins is the Appointed Person and had requested that consideration be given to appointing an Additional Appointed Person. No decision on this matter was taken.

Items from Calne Partnership of Churches:

Elizabeth Hitchens reported that the week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from 18th to 25th January and that a united service will be held at Calne Methodist Church on 21st January. Saint Mary's Parish Church is organising a Lent course to be held at Holy Trinity Academy, Calne, open to all. The course will be led by Anna-Claire Thomasson-Rosingsh, Director of Studies at Sarum Centre for Formation in Ministry. A donation of £ 3 per session is suggested. Dates and times are as follows:

Saturday 17th February: 9.30-3.30.p.m.

Thursday 22nd February: 7.00.-8.30.p.m.

Thursday 1st March: 7.00.-8.30.p.m.

Thursday 8th March: 7.00.-8.30.p.m.

Thursday 15th March: 7.00.-8.30.p.m.

Monday 19th March: 7.00.-9.00.p.m. – with Bring and Share supper

Other items:

Paul Blake reported that a parish self-help project to redecorate the church hall will be organised for the Saturdays in Lent.

Teresa Quinn noted that additional candles for parishioners for the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Mass will need to be ordered.

Anne Morgan Jones had asked that the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress “Adoremus” to be held in Liverpool next year from 7th – 9th September 2018 be brought to the attention of the Parish Pastoral Council.

It was noted that the diocese is launching a new catechists’ formation course which is taking place at Brockworth.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 1st March 2018 at 7.30.p.m. in the church hall. Elizabeth Hitchens gave her apologies since she will not be able to attend this meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.40.p.m.