

Saint Edmund's Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 31st August 2017

Present: Father Vincent, John Cooke, Elizabeth Hitchens, Teresa Quinn, (Chair), Paul Blake (Clerk).

Apologies: Tricia Davies, Christine Martin

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

Minutes of the meeting held on 8th June 2017:

These minutes were approved.

Matters arising: a meeting for those interested in taking part in a parish pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in April 2018 is to be held on 28th September.

Sacramental preparation:

The Mass with Confirmations takes place on Thursday 19th October at 7.00.p.m. A meeting for parents of candidates is to be held on Tuesday 26th September at 7.30.p.m. in the church; a rehearsal for candidates will take place in the church on Thursday 12th October. A booklet for the Mass of Confirmation will be produced and a reception after the Mass will be held at the school.

World day of the Poor and the parish Covenant with the Poor:

It was noted that Pope Francis had established a new celebration in the Catholic calendar, the "World Day of the Poor". This year it will be held on Sunday 19th November. It was agreed that this would be marked by encouraging all to contribute to the Food Bank at Masses on 18th and 19th November. Special notices explaining this would be included in the parish newsletter and a central prominent area in the porch will be created to receive donations of non-perishable food. The significance of this day will be highlighted in the liturgy.

"A Future Full of Hope":

A new diocesan document on the way ahead for the next three years is to be launched at a study day at Saint Brendan's Sixth Form College on Saturday 28th October and at Evening Prayer at Clifton Cathedral on 29th November. The focus for Year 1 (2017-2018) is 'Mission' and the Gospel of Mark, for Year 2 (2018-2019) is 'Prayer' and the Gospel of Luke, and Year 3 (2019-2020) is 'Communion' and the Gospel of Matthew. Year 1 will provide an opportunity for the parish and the Parish Pastoral Council to look outwards, and Year 3 will include diocesan plans for the further collaboration between parishes and the possible realignment of deaneries. The diocese has invited parishes to send three representatives to the study day on 28th October.

Items from Calne Partnership of Churches:

Elizabeth Hitchens reported on the recent ecumenical walk and some future events including: the 'Open the Book' project being launched in schools, the 'Reformation 500 – Moving On' evening being held at Market Lavington on 20th October, and the next meeting of the Calne Partnership of Churches which is being held on 5th October at the Baptist Church when plans for advent will be discussed.

Other items:

An extract from the document 'Celebrating the Mass' published by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales was discussed along with the 'General Instruction to the Roman Missal'. It was noted that the communion song should be sung as people process to receive communion and that after the distribution of communion a period of silence should be observed. It was agreed that this document should be shared with those responsible for organising the music.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 9th November 2017 at 7.30.p.m. in the church hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45.p.m. with a prayer.