

Saint Edmund's Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2018

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

Apologies: Elizabeth Hitchens, John Cooke

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

Minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2018:

These minutes were approved. It was noted that an Addition Appointed Person for the registration of marriages was still required. Anne Morgan-Jones had submitted a written report about the Advent knitted crib.

Sacrament preparation:

The programme of preparation for First Communions continues. Candidates had celebrated the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

Parish Pilgrimage:

Twenty people had now registered for this pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in April 2018. A coach will leave the church car park at 3.30.p.m. on 17th April and return at 11.30.p.m. on 21st April.

Parish Projects: The 'Pie and Pint' evening on 27th January and the raffle of unwanted Christmas gifts had raised £705 for the Parish Projects.

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

Christine Martin reported that no further actions had been taken regarding the organisation of adult formation sessions based upon aspects of the Gospel of Saint Mark. Paul Blake reported that John Cooke was planning an exhibition of Christian art in the church in October 2018; it would be part of the Calne Music and Arts Festival.

Holy Week and Easter:

The times of the Holy Week and Easter services were noted. A coach will be available for transport to the Chrism Mass at Clifton Cathedral and a Calne Partnership of Churches 'Walk of Witness' will take place on Good Friday. It was noted that there remained some uncertainty as to the arrangements for musicians for the Easter Vigil.

Membership of the Parish Pastoral Council:

Christine Meyer had indicated that she had stood down from co-ordinating the pastoral care of the sick and as such felt she should perhaps stand down from the Parish Pastoral Council. It was agreed that additional members of the Parish Pastoral Council were needed.

Items from Calne Partnership of Churches:

The Lent course is continuing a present. In addition to the Good Friday 'Walk of Witness' a summer walk is being planned.

Other items:

Tricia Davies informed the meeting that the Curry and Quiz Night will now be held at Saint Edmund's Primary School on Friday 23rd March.

Anne Morgan-Jones had written requesting a list in the sacristy of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who take Communion to the sick and housebound. This list is now in place. She had also asked the Parish Pastoral Council to consider the fact that she was aware of a number elderly people, often living alone, who are quite lonely and would welcome a visit. Members recommended that names of such persons should be given to Father Vincent.

Paul Blake informed the meeting of the General Data Protection Requirements which come into force in May. These Regulations may have an impact on the public display of personal data, and will have an impact on the parish website. The diocese had promised further guidance.

Father Vincent informed the meeting that the Deanery Clergy were organising a programme of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament within parishes in the week 14th to 20th May. This was in preparation for the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress “Adoremus” to be held in Liverpool next year from 7th – 9th September 2018. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament would take place at Saint Edmund’s Church on Sunday 20th May, (Pentecost Sunday), from after the 10.00.a.m. morning Mass to midnight. The parish will be allocated three tickets for parishioners to attend the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 24th May 2018 at 7.30.p.m. in the church hall.

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