

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

### **Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019**

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**Present:** Father Vincent, Tricia Davies, Kathleen Joyce, Christine Martin, Helen Murphy, Tony Matthews, Rob Pickford, Teresa Quinn, Derek Quinn, Maria Teale. Paul Blake (Clerk).

Apologies: Elizabeth Hitchens

The meeting opened with a prayer at 7.30.p.m. with Kathleen Joyce taking the Chair.

#### **Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019**

These minutes were approved. The success of the parish barbecue held on 8<sup>th</sup> September was noted.

#### **Update on the Parish Project 'Mary's Meals':**

Following the parish barbecue a further £ 150 had been sent to the charity 'Mary's Meals'. To date over £ 1,000 has been sent to this Parish Project charity.

#### **Update on possible future deanery and parish structures:**

Christine Martin reported on the open deanery meeting which had been held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Feedback from the open meeting which had been held on 1<sup>st</sup> June was shared and groups had identified the main issues which had been noted, these included: schools, young people, sacramental programmes and not losing the sense of parishes as local communities. Volunteers had been sought to form the 'Wisdom Group'. There had been a suggestion that members of this 'Wisdom Group' would visit each parish within the deanery over the next 12 to 18 months to pray and meet with parishioners.

The diocesan course in Formation for Pastoral Ministry starting April 2020 was discussed, including the information that those who complete this course may be eligible for a paid job in the future as a Parish Pastoral Administrator. It was agreed that details of this course should be advertised within the parish.

A general discussion followed and it was agreed that the Pastoral Council would send a letter to the Deanery Clergy for Father Vincent to take to the deanery meeting to be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October. This letter would seek clarification regarding the composition, constitution, terms of reference and reporting obligations of the 'Wisdom Group'.

#### **Diocesan 'Year of Communion':**

Kathleen Joyce confirmed that she would attend the diocesan study day on 19<sup>th</sup> October.

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

Tricia Davies reported that the last meeting of the Calne Partnership was held at Saint Edmund's in July. The planned summer walk had been cancelled.

As part of the Calne Music and Arts Festival choral Evensong will take place at Saint Mary's Parish Church on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October and Saint Edmund's Church will be open on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October and Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October to enable members of the public to view the Stations of the Cross. Maria Teale sought further information about the art exhibition to be held at Calne Baptist Church 'Women Silenced in the Bible' featuring work by Jen Ford.

**Arrangements for joint meeting with the Parish Pastoral Council of Saint Anthony's, Melksham:**

This meeting will take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7.30.p.m. at Saint Edmund's church hall. Mary Rooney the Chair of Saint Anthony's Parish Pastoral Council had suggested that a joint prayer/reflection afternoon in Advent be considered.

Christine Martin agreed to Chair this joint meeting and Teresa Quinn volunteered to organise refreshments. The agenda would include: a review of joint working over the past year, the future plans for the deanery, a joint prayer event in Advent and future meeting dates.

**Any other business:**

Teresa Quinn expressed concern that it was not known how many parishioners were planning to attend the meeting about the Children's Liturgy of the Word to be held at the school on 9<sup>th</sup> October. She noted a need for more Readers for Sunday Masses; it was agreed that a note regarding this would be placed in the newsletter. She also noted that it would be good if children and families could be invited to take part in the Procession of the Gifts at Sunday morning Masses. Tony Matthews reported that sometimes those invited were not willing to undertake this role but that families and children would continue to be invited.

Tricia Davies reported that Frances Towers had agreed to join her in a link role between the Friends of Saint Edmund's School and the parish, and that the parish should consider a joint social event in the spring.

A Parish Pilgrimage to Kraków is being organised for four nights next year, (21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020), with daytime flights to and from Bristol and at a cost of £ 579 per person. This pilgrimage will be advertised in November.

Maria Teale asked about the diocesan Youth Ministry Network Groups, and reported that she would be prepared to volunteer to act as the parish representative for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, (SPUC).

**Date of next meeting:**

A joint meeting with the Parish Pastoral Council of Saint Anthony's, Melksham is scheduled to take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7.30.p.m.

The next meeting of the Saint Edmund's Parish Pastoral Council is scheduled to take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 with Tony Matthews taking the Chair.

Both meetings to be held at Saint Edmund's church hall.

The meeting closed with a prayer at 8.30.p.m.