

St John the Baptist – Trowbridge and St Bernadette's - Westbury

Parish Pastoral Council meeting 11th March 2014.

7:00 pm Parish centre

Minutes

Subject

Present: Fred Gilroy, Alison Crangle, Marian Morgan, Tony Buckingham, Lucy Ling, Juliet Rossi, Canon Liam

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Apologies: Dee Perkins, Hannah Morgan,

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| 1 | Introduction and opening prayer | FG |
| 2 | Richard and Jane have resigned. Our agenda is formed by our last meeting and the Parish AGM held last week | |
| 3 | Communications

Discussed parish newsletter. Initially quarterly, A3 sheet folded. Aim to produce before Easter. If it works would like to produce monthly.

Website – Nick Crangle has agreed to take over keeping the site up to date. He is meeting Lester and Lucy this weekend to find out more. The plan is to have snippets from the weekly bulletin hi-lighted on the site, and hopefully the bulletin will more accessible in time. | AC/LL

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| 4 | Foodbank

Widely felt to be a good idea to collect for the Trowbridge Foodbank, one weekend a month. We will start of 29 th /30 th March, and will be regular on the last weekend of the month. Goods to be brought to masses, and will need to be removed after Sunday evening Mass (as the Church is left open through to Monday evening). Nigel and Anne-Marie Hunt have offered to transport the goods to the United Church. Mary Turner has spoken to the bank and we are advised that they need tinned meat, chicken, meatballs, sausages, pies, vegetables, plus pasta, rice, pasta sauces. They do not need cereals, which are donated by Cereal Partners at Staverton, bread and milk which are provided by local companies. They do not need beans and soups which are readily provided by many donators.

They also require cleaning products and toiletries, which we may decide to request on alternative months.

A short piece is required for the bulletin by Canon | AC

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| 6 | Parish Pastoral Council matters

Membership – discussion about refreshing membership. Canon indicated that we should ask people, but we felt that we should seek nominations as we did before via the bulletin. Anyone making a nomination should seek the permission of the nominee first. AC will locate the form that we used before | AC |
| 7 | Donation from Parish surplus

Tony will get a list of local small charities to pass to those making the decision on the donation. The plan, as Canon outlined at the AGM is to | |

donate £5,000 spread across perhaps 3 charities.

8 Youth Worker

Fred will talk to Canon about taking this off our agenda. We should invite youngsters to take part in appropriate events and activities, such as reading and music.

7 Diocesan Pastoral Council

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1. Theme of the day was broadly what Father Christopher Whitehead and his department need to do for the parishes to aid formation of the people
 - We discussed what deaneries are doing or not doing to aid formation already, and by definition what parishes are doing
 - Again it was mentioned that some deaneries are not holding pastoral council meetings on a deanery basis. It is widely felt, including amongst clergy that they are not necessarily relevant to the church at this time, though clearly it can be a forum for exchanging of ideas. Those that work well are firmly led by the lay (Gloucester in particular)
 - Adults will not engage in learning unless they need to!
 - Need to 'teach' in a subliminal manner, or find a way of attracting people, such as a heading like 'Why is Pope Francis in the news so much?' or similar
 - Affirmation of what people are already doing in caring for others, like neighbour, as living in a Christ-like way
2. Using modern media – yes, but it is better to have a live speaker
3. Diocese has produced a book of the talks on Second Vatican Council (I will get a copy)
4. I will also get a copy of *Evangelii Gaudium* (Pope Francis), and look at content with a view to making it accessible to parishioners
5. Who, how and where do we catechise
 - I talked about our house to house visiting, and Legion of Mary
 - Open The Book – Catholics can and do take part in acting out the bible stories in primary schools, even though this is an Anglican initiative
 - Parish Bulletin – I have suggestion from another parish on getting a team of people together and each week having a lay person's thoughts on the weeks gospel, or something topical. I said that I would like to be able to produce something along these lines but lack time/confidence, but Chris was quick to say what help did I need!

Catechists course – the suggestion is made that it would benefit all PPC

members to do the course. **CHRISTOPHER IS WILLING TO DO A COURSE FROM OCTOBER IN TROWBRIDGE FOR ANYONE INTERESTED – THEY DO NOT HAVE TO BE CATECHISTS. WE NEED TO LET HIM KNOW SOON IF THAT IS WHAT WE WANT – OBVIOUSLY OPEN TO THE WHOLE DEANERY AND WIDER. THE COURSE USES OUTSIDE SPEAKERS, SOME NATIONALLY KNOWN, WHO ARE VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE** There is a charge per head.

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| 8 | Any other business? | All |
| 9 | Next meeting – 13 th May, 15 th July | |
| | Closing prayer | Canon |