

The Church of St Thomas of Canterbury, Canterbury.

Minutes of Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Monday 20th July 19.00

Zoom Meeting

Venue: Zoom Meeting hosted by LB

Present: Canon Anthony (AJC), Rob Meredith (Chair; RM), Louise Beesley(LB), Lisa D'Agostini (LD), Saju Jose (SJ), Isy Mead (IM), Helen Natrass (HN), Catherine Spratley (CS).

Apologies: Josephine Lewis (JL), Mary Francis (MF)

1.0 The meeting began with a prayer. RM Welcomed those present

2.0 **Minutes of Meeting of 6th July:** accepted.

3.0 **Matters arising:**

Masses starting this week (postponed a week from previous plan). More volunteers still needed for 11.00 and 18.00. HN & RB will support 18.00.

We are requesting face masks to be worn at communion. Discussion took place as to whether this should be extended, but it was decided that they would otherwise remain recommended but not obligatory.

HN plans to attend all Sunday masses in first week to check systems are working. Personal prayer provisions are operating well.

4.0 **Minutes of Meeting of 13th January:** accepted.

5.0 **Matters arising**

5.1 **New PPC members:**

John Renn is happy to join the committee. LB will check MF's plans.

Action CS, LB

5.2 **Website:**

Thanks given to Catherine and Paul Spratley for superb work.

All calendar events up now.

There are 157 subscribers to the website.

5.3 **Alpha course:** postponed. CS will prepare behind the scenes on website.

5.4 **Becket 2020:**

Postponed to 2021. Wednesday 7th July 2021. AJC to invite Archbishop.

Action AJC.

5.5 **Development of Shrine & Oscar Romero evening:**

AJC will circulate an outline plan to develop the Shrine from a designer, Ian Knowles.

Fundraising for this: projecting significant loss this year, Narthex and Clubroom are currently on hold. When plans are clearer for the Shrine we will need to look

where we can apply for funding. AJC will meet with HN & JL to look at Ian Knowles suggestions and consider how to progress this further.

Action AJC, HN, JL

Helen was thanked for the excellent presentation on Oscar Romero. HN email on the Pilgrimage Brief was acknowledged. These plans need to be addressed when COVID 19 recedes.

Work on lift is progressing, roof needs some repair. ramp, kneelers and sign have been completed. Just giving raised £850 in 3 weeks. Chip and pin has been ordered.

The hall is the other outstanding issue. See below.

5.6 Developing parish youth ministry: pause.

Youth Ministry in Whitstable is closing this year, whole ministry is moving to Aylesford and there will be a youth team who will work with parishes. AJC can speak to John to come later in the year to have a meeting, inviting people in the parish who may be interested to become involved.

5.7 Adult Formation:

Chris Chapman and Tom Herbst have presented talks in February and March. Chris Chapman is willing to do more.

Directive for catechesis that came out last week has a section on catechesis with adults, which we will distribute.

LB would be interested in this.

Discussed how to provide talks through Covid restrictions.

We could consider Zoom or Live Stream from the church. Zoom could allow us to record it and make it available if the speaker was happy with this.

Can publish details and arrange sign in on the Website

Action: LB, AJC.

6.0 Notes of AGM 15th March - will be finalised.

7.0 Matters arising:

More space for wheelchairs was requested. It was felt that this is adequate at present and modification could be considered as needed.

Choosing of names for ecumenical service, postponed by Covid 19

Development of the Hall:

Need a team to look at proposals. IM will become involved in this. Mike Lilford was interested in forming a working group. CS will send IM copy of powerpoint on this.

Funding needs to be considered. AJC has the name of someone in the diocese who helps people get funding from outside sources.

Action IM, CS,AJC

4.0 **Feedback from Other Committees:**

Finance: there is an increase in standing orders.

Details for standing orders no the web.

Discussed Just Giving. At present this is a general one, though we are looking at how specific causes can be represented. Also planning a QR code for specific projects, so people can donate to specific projects in the church

5.0 **AOB:**

LB: asked if it would be better to allow queries form parishioners to be fielded outside of the PPC, perhaps through the presbytery, so that they can be directed to appropriate people or appropriate committees, rather than presented as an agenda item.

AJC. We are getting a new assistant priest Fr John Howard who will start at the beginning of September.

Need to consider what to do for Fr Sylvester. Could ask him to be at all masses on his final Sunday, to say his goodbyes. We will also need a thank you fund. He has a project in Nigeria and we could raise money for that.

CS Away for 2 weeks in August. Any announcements will need to be sent in advance.

6.0 **Dates of Future Meetings.**

Mon 19th October 2020 18.00

Mon 25th January 2021 18.00

Extraordinary meetings will be planned according to need.