



Sacred Heart Church
Parish of The Sacred Heart, Flitwick
Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council
Tuesday, 19 July 2016

PRESENT

Paula Bates	Helen Burgess
Eamonn Diver	John Flanagan
John Fletcher	Deacon Philip Pugh
Suzanne Yates	

APOLOGIES

Martin Brennan	Siobhan Campbell
Maggie Dullaghan	Canon Bennie Noonan
Diana Page	

Agenda Item	Discussion/Decision	Action
1.	DPP opened the meeting with a reflection	
2.	Apologies – as above	
3.	Minutes were passed and agreed that they would be published on website.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SY to send to TD
4.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPP presented an updated statement of accounts • Question about the variation between insurance income and supply priest's costs • Decided these needed to be clarified before it was published on the website • JFle asked why we didn't use the tax year for our financial year • The questions raised about the chairs at the last meeting were addressed. They are to be repaired and HD to take up their condition with the suppliers as we are concerned about their longevity • DPP read a letter of thanks from Bishop Peter after the confirmation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPP to talk to HD re this
5.	<p>Focus Areas – DPP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Community – JFla discussed the Care Plan which aims to promote the care offered in the parish. All items on the plan are regarded as being valid aims <p>However</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JFla believes that if we all know one another by name we would recognise one another as individuals and our level of care and reaching out to others would rise. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As we have no parish priest on the premises we need to look into how we can cope with the visits the priest used to do - It would be good if we could have more Eucharistic ministers offering to take Holy Communion to the housebound and also to lead Services of Word and Communion - It is an opportunity to reflect on what type of parish we would like in the future - DPP and HB mentioned about having small groups that come together regularly and get to know and support each other as it is difficult for everyone to know everyone. This is part of the care plan. HB also raised the issue of a pastoral worker being employed in the parish. - JFla felt that what we need is something which could be quite minor that would be worked on as a parish and that would promote more people getting to know one another in a simple and non-threatening way 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All need to pray about this
6.	<p>Standing Items</p> <p>(i) Pastoral Area Council – no report as next meeting 21 July</p> <p>(ii) Health and Safety – JFla</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We are to have another audit by Julia Cox of the diocese, it will happen in the next couple of weeks - We need to resume our monthly hazard checks - All electrical equipment will be checked in the autumn and then all the equipment in the church, house and St Francis Suite will be compliant and able to be checked together in future <p>(iii) Safeguarding – PB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DPP asked PB to give feedback on the safe guarding training in November <p>(iv) Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussed earlier <p>(v) Social Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussed social calendar as prepared by DPP <p>(v) Social Media – MD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is not much for me to say about Facebook. We now have 122 Likes, and the stats for this week are: 494 people reached, with 37 people engaging. 	<p>TEXT?</p>

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	<p>(vi) CTA&F – HB</p> <p>Recent events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The success of Women’s World Day of Prayer, the Walk of Witness and Pentecost in the park was reviewed. The presence of young people at St Philip and St James for Women’s World Day of Prayer and in the band at the Walk of Witness was commended and appreciated. The Lenten prayer spaces had varying degrees of success but will be continued next year and every effort made to promote more fully. Easter services were also discussed. The new location for Pentecost in the park was praised as was the drama from Sacred Heart in Flitwick. An extra banner for advertising may have been useful. The total for Christian Aid Week was £5671.49, £335 down on last year, £196.97 was collected at the Pentecost event. There was also a Christian representation at the recent Mind Body and Soul Fayre. - Bedfordshire Ecumenical Committee: - Forum meeting on 11 May HB attended this on behalf of the group. David Cornick gave an excellent talk on the importance of unity in a changing world. Whilst Anita Nancollis presented her annual report. Although there are gaps in our understanding of everything BEC does it was generally felt to be good to be part of the bigger picture which contributes at higher level ecumenical discussions. - Finance: Current balance is £305.75. Subscriptions to CTAF and BEC. All 6 churches had paid the requested donation to CTAF. 5 had paid the requested donation to BEC. - Involvement in Town Summer events. Individual church activities through the summer include - Messy church, Fusion, Holiday at Home, Art festivals, Presence at Ampthill Gala Day and Flitwick Carnival, flower festival, art exhibition, open church event, musical events. - Big Questions at Costa run by Ampthill Baptist will continue in the autumn. - Next meeting. Thursday 22 September at 7.30 pm at St Andrews. We are to be represented by HB and SY 	
7.	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 September • 15 November • 	
8.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Bike and Hike - We will continue to participate in this as we received some money last year as CBN took part 	

