



Sacred Heart Church

Parish of The Sacred Heart, Flitwick
 Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council
 Monday, 09 May 2016

PRESENT

Helen Burgess	Siobhan Campbell
Maggie Dullaghan	Anne Gadsden (PAC)
Canon Bennie Noonan	Suzanne Yates

APOLOGIES

Paula Bates	Martin Brennan
Eamonn Diver	John Flanagan
John Fletcher	Diana Page
Deacon Philip Pugh	

Agenda Item	Discussion/Decision	Action
1.	SC opened the meeting with a prayer	
2.	Apologies – as above	
3.	Minutes were passed and agreed that they would be published on website.	• SY to send to TD
4.	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No matters arising not being raised in the meeting 	
5.	Focus Areas - SC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2015 accounts were presented along with the budget for 2016. SC has included some explanatory notes in her email. Members of PPC would like the presbytery kitchen and St Francis Suite costs separated PPC would like to know how much has been raised for St Francis Suite and how it has been spent Discussion on contingency funds Discussion on church flowers and that there should be no requirement for professional arrangement that vase would suffice, a number of suggestions were discussed which included <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a second collection for flowers Collection at Easter and Christmas A preferred option was allowing parishioners to provide flowers in memory of... Also does not need to be a professional bouquet but a bunch arranged in a vase on a stand. Options to be finalised at next meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SC to discuss this with HD SC and HD to make statement of accounts and explanatory notes available on the website and in the church

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Together in Faith planned giving initiative is due to finish shortly. Next steps on initiatives to be shared shortly from the diocese. All agreed that a view of initiatives would be useful for parishioners ❖ Formation - Presented Calendar of faith development prepared by DPP 	
6.	<p>Standing Items</p> <p>(i) Health and Safety – JFle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No items raised <p>(ii) Safeguarding – PB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a new diocesan safeguarding officer appointed, she is Danielle Dixon - We still have two people to be finalised <p>(iii) Pastoral Area Council- Report from Anne Gadsden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is discussion at the PAC re <i>Activate</i> this is a new Sion Community initiative to help form, train and equip parish for the work of evangelisation by enabling them to become effective heralds of the Gospel. - This is suggested to be a PAC event with the five parishes doing it together - It would help in the formation of parish groups such as say in Maulden developing skills to make catholic groups work together. - DPP would like our PPC to do this even if the PAC does not - Members present agreed that it would be a good idea <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 and added Macmillan Coffee morning <p>(v) Social Media – MD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There has been little change in the pattern of our Facebook viewing and comments <p>(vi) CTA&F</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pentecost in the Park this year is being held in Flitwick using the grounds of the hall as well as part of the park. - Again on Remembrance Sunday we will be laying one wreath from CTA&F at both the Amptill and Flitwick ceremonies. 	

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7.	Next Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 July • 20 September • 15 November 	
8.	AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Monitor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This has been resolved ❖ Anchor Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MD explained that this is starting in June and is a programme on reconciliation which runs over six weeks ❖ Repository <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SC has asked a parishioner to take on this role and will confirm once they have met Clare to understand the role. SC said how well Clare Bevan had managed this and thanked her in her absence ❖ Chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion on state of chairs in the church – the hymn book holder is loose on many chairs, the wooden rail on the back of some have come loose, some of the zippers are broken and the fabric seems to be wearing quickly - Is there a warranty on them? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SC to discuss this with HD
9.	CBN closed meeting with a prayer	