

**Minutes for St Michael's Church Sonning Common held
on Monday 8th July, 2019**

Present: FrM, KS, ML

Apologies: SB, BW, MOD, DB, TM

Minutes of previous meeting accepted

Matters arising:

The Parish outing to Farnborough Abbey – this was a great success with 12 parishioners taking part. It was suggested that we might like to consider opening up the outing to other parishes in the deanery or other churches in Sonning Common.

Special Masses for the anointing of the sick

This was also a great success with anointings at all the Masses. FrM would like to repeat the Masses at some point.

KS reported that a coin counter has been purchased for Church.

Children's Liturgy

Fr M reported that there is strong support from parents for the children and staff, but that this needs to be extended to spiritual support for the parents. FrM asked about the Mother's prayer group and ML was able to give FrM a description of the groups activities. It was suggested that perhaps a group could be set up at school. FrM said he would look at the Mother's prayer booklet with a view to producing a shorter format that could then be used to start a group at St Martin's.

Silence in Church - The delaying of the communion hymn until after everyone has received communion to allow an opportunity for uninterrupted quiet prayer appears to be working well. FrM remarked that it is important to leave room for individual spirituality before and after the Mass.

St Michaels Weekend and AGM – FrM has asked Fr Michael Miners to give the talks at the Parish weekend to cover prayer and difficulties in prayer. He proposes 3 talks from Fr Miners – one during the Homily at Friday's Mass and the other 2 on the Saturday. FrM would like to offer an Italian family lunch in place of the shared lunch.

The AGM will take the form of a pair of brief reports from TB and BT.

KS will produce a sign up sheet for the lunch – it was agreed that the parish will pay for the lunch out of Parish funds so there will be no charge for those coming to the lunch.

It was agreed that Fr Miners will be invited as a guest to the lunch.

KS is producing a parish annual review booklet to be printed and available at the beginning of September in preparation for the AGM.

Volunteers for events

A what's app group has now been set up so that messages can be sent out simply and quickly asking for help prior to parish events. KS will put a notice in the newsletter asking for volunteers to sign up and will produce an appropriate data information/permission slip in line with GDPR guidelines.

First Holy Communion

10 children received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this year – whilst the group being prepared for the Sacrament was much larger, many of the children received the Sacrament at other Churches

AOB

ML reported that she received an email from Birmingham diocese regarding Data Capture – a list of all volunteers is required by the diocese – KS said she would get the list that the parish keeps and make it available to ML (safeguarding officer for the parish) and also suggested that ML speak with TB.

A parishioner has suggested holding a produce sale after the 10.30am mass one Sunday – it was agreed that KS would contact the parishioner about it and report back with a view to doing a sale at a later/appropriate date.

Finally a short discussion was had about extending the Church to create a meeting room (with access from the Church as well as outside and which offered that opportunity
KS mentioned a company called Architect Your Home who offer bespoke architectural services and who could perhaps in the first instance transfer ideas for the extension into a sketch of a plan for the extension.
KS agreed to look into this matter.

The meeting was closed with a prayer

Next meetings:

16/09/19 at 7.30pm

7/10/19 at 7.30pm