

## **St Michaels PCC Meeting**

Tuesday 10th May 2022

Attendees: FrM, DcnB, ML, BW, KS, MOD

Apologies; TM,

Opening prayer: FrM

1. Review of last meeting's minutes
  - a. Covid Restrictions lifted Dcn B will remove the stickers from the benches.
  - b. The celebrations for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Church were kicked off on the 1<sup>st</sup> May with the unveiling of the banners at Masses and cake and drinks after Masses to toast the Parish
  - c. New planters have also been sourced and planted up by KS
  - d. TM has prepared the Mass Anniversary Card which will be given out at Masses.
  - e. The Ceilidh is in hand – it was noted that there is usually a last-minute sign up for places
  - f. The family entertainment day has had to be postponed due to personal reasons.
  - g. The Sustainability Group are changing their name to the Thoughtful Living Group and the Walk Against Hunger (CAFOD) on April 9<sup>th</sup> generated a lot of interest and 20 parishioners joined in and helped to raise £400 for CAFOD
  - h. In May, Catherine a representative from Mary's Meals will come and talk after Masses

### **Lent and Easter**

It was felt the services were well attended and went well. Whilst people were reluctant to sign up to have their feet washed – we did eventually get 12 people – and it was suggested that the sign-up sheet be put out a little earlier next year and perhaps people could be asked if they would like to take part.

### **Serving the Parish**

Once the First Holy Communions have taken place it is intended to recruit more altar servers and begin a series of training sessions for all the servers so that more roles can be reintroduced, e.g. cross bearer, candles, thurifer and help them to understand better what they are participating in.

Coffee & cake is being reintroduced after the 10.30am Mass. However very few have committed to helping on a regular basis. Hopefully others will be encouraged to help once it has started.

Some members originally part of the 10.30am choir have decided to commit themselves to the 9.00am Mass. This left the 10.30am choir depleted but a significant number of new recruits has seen a rejuvenation of the choir.

### **School Links**

Preparations are in hand for both first Holy Communion and Confirmation and is being coordinated by Mrs West and others from the school. FHC dates are 19<sup>th</sup> and 26 June and 10<sup>th</sup> July for Confirmation. The Archbishop will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation. The music for the all liturgies will be

organised by the school. Janice and Eveline are ready to prepare the flowers for these dates.

### **The Sustainability Group**

The group has changed their name to Thoughtful Living and will produce a second newsletter later in May and a display for the boards at the back of church once they are replaced.

### **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations**

Dcn Brian has put details in the Sonning Common Magazine and other local magazines. Details are on the parish website.

SB to put something on the social media groups in the area

On the day the start time will be at 10.30am – first tour 11am – sandwiches scones and cakes from 11am

Choir singing – After the 2pm tour.

Fr M to be around all day and will answer any questions

Put out bunting – flowers

Ask Janice and Eveline if they would do a mini workshop

It was suggested that we produce a Pack to take away – or a postcard at least

### **Adult formation**

Dcn B & FrM investigating a series of 20 videos (Sycamore by Fr S Wang) of all different aspects of the faith – Fr M and DcnB felt that the videos could make a smaller presentation for example an induction program or a sacramental program – choosing just 3 videos to see how people would respond and to see if there was an interest to learn more.

This would take place in the Hall – as the videos can be projected onto the wall – It was suggested a Monday morning would be a good day and time. Maybe before the Summer holiday or in the Autumn

### **AOB.**

FrM asked -should we put the collection plate round again? – it was agreed that perhaps a word should be said at the offertory.

Next meeting – June 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm

Closing prayer FrM