

**St Michael's Presbytery**  
18 Peppard Road Sonning Common  
Reading RG4 9SU  
*Parish Priest: Fr Michael Sharkey*

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023**  
**Minutes**

Present: MOD, FrM, BT, ML, BW, TM

Opening Prayer FrM

Apologies for absence KS, SB

1. Previous meeting (16.1.23) minutes confirmed

**2. Role of the PPC**

There was a follow-up discussion on how the PPC engages with the parish community and immediate priorities:

- a. Ensure minutes are posted on noticeboard and website and encourage a response.
- b. Marlena to develop the Parish WhatsApp Group – Purpose of the group is to share information about events and news and request help. Slips will be made available for people who want to sign up.
- c. Spin off WhatsApp Group(s) may be considered for example for Readers so facilitate last minute changes.
- d. Key areas to focus on this year are
  - i. Recruiting new readers
  - ii. Recruiting new welcomers
  - iii. Children's liturgy
- e. Older children should be approached, via parents, to try to encourage them to be involved in parish life (e.g. as readers).
- f. All to try to spread the news at Masses and we will push through the Newsletter

**3. Lent and Easter 2023**

- a. The Lent/Easter card is ready and will be made available at the back of the church. With thanks to FG for her design and all who proof read.

**4. Sustainable Living**

- a. Mary is doing the paperwork for our registration
- b. Plan to screen 'The Letter – a message for our earth' on 21st April. The screening will be informal and interactive
- c. Recycling bins are in place
- d. Request to support CIRDIC as our local charity with events at Easter, Harvest festival and Christmas. All agreed that this would be worthwhile and but should continue to support international charities, e.g Marys Meals
- e. ACTION – Brian to let Marlena know who the Christ the King church rep is with links to CIRDIC

**5. Ecumenical Events**

- a. May 19<sup>th</sup> @6pm – Safari Supper – A joint event across local churches. Date to be confirmed.
- b. 26<sup>th</sup> August – Bring your own meat Bar-B-Q @Springwater

- c. Peppard revels have requested a religious service for King Charles Coronation weekend. This is being coordinated by All Saints Peppard. Sunday morning will not be possible due to regular Sunday services.
  - d. Pray for the new Minister, arriving from South Africa coming to the Anglican Church @Kidmore End
6. AOB
- a. £1167.81 raised for Sending Luke to Lisbon- this is a combination of donations and the raffle!
  - b. The Organ is being refurbished, money is available, will take approx. 3 weeks
  - c. Bereavement Group/Grief Café – Brian canvassed opinion from parishioners. An occasional social gathering might be appropriate but wouldn't necessarily attend a regular bereavement group. Those spoken to were well supported by family members. This is a good idea but we will put on hold for now
  - d. The Games Day will go ahead – date TBD
  - e. Young Wives group- Still being considered but no progress at the moment. Hoping this will emerge during the First Holy Communion programme.
  - f. Proposed to have an Anointing ceremony in late spring /early summer as part of a 10.30am Mass. This was well received and similar services were well attended pre-Covid.
  - g. Should we support Marys Meals in May? To be discussed at net meeting
  - h. A new Kitchen has been scoped and estimated for the presbytery. Agreed the price of £15K is good value
7. Date for next meeting. Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March @7 pm in the Presbytery
8. The meeting closed with a prayer lead by FrM