

PPC meeting Thursday, 23rd March, 2022

Apologies from BT, ML, SB

Attending FrM, BW, MOD, KS

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING MATTERS ARISING

ROLE OF THE PPC – relating to minutes posted. To be discussed at next meeting.

PARISH WHAT'S APP GROUP.

MOD and KS agreed to work together to collect names – MOD has made a paper form for parishioners to fill out. KS and MOD discussed when they would be available to approach parishioners, and it was decided to start this coming weekend 25/26th March.

RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS AT CHURCH

It was agreed that there was a need to recruit new readers and welcomers for all the Masses. In addition, it was agreed that KS and BT would liaise with YM re. children's liturgy and the need for additional volunteers.

It was suggested that since Covid lockdown was lifted and services returned to normal there seemed to be volunteers to help with welcoming, but more on an ad hoc basis for the Masses.

It was agreed that KS would liaise with BT to explore this matter.

Fr M suggested that in addition, that older children might be encouraged to take part in the Mass on a volunteer basis. And that they should be approached via their parents.

SUSTAINABLE LIVING AND THE THOUGHTFUL LIVING GROUP

The paperwork has been done for the registration of St Michael's for the Live Simply Award and the group proposals have been accepted. The group are planning to screen the film The Letter but are changing the screening date to the 28th April. BW will make a poster – the group are waiting for BT to confirm his availability as he is needed to help with the projector set up.

The recycling bins are up and being used by parishioners which is very positive.

The Thoughtful Living group are proposing having a Second Collection for CIRDIC over Easter and FrM confirmed that Palm Sunday would be a suitable date for this second collection.

MOD has said that the TLG would like to have collections for CIRDIC at Harvest Festival Time and Christmas and it was agreed that dates would be explored for these collections to fit in with the current calendar for second collections.

ECUMENICAL EVENTS

The Safari Supper, is an ecumenical event organized by the Churches of the area and which all parishioners are invited to – the date for the event has changed and KS will confirm which date has been agreed and will liaise with the other Churches re. planning.

Springwater Church in Blount Court Road have also invited parishioners from St Michael's to a BBQ on 26th August, 2023

ANNOINTING CEREMONY

FrM and BT to confirm date when they have spoken to other priests who may be needed to help

YOUNG WIVES GROUP

Father Michael is hoping to get a Young wives group started at the school. He will report back next meeting

NEW KITCHEN

The documents giving details of the plan and the costs are with the diocese – and are being considered.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Krissie explained the idea - to start a group within the Parish to respond to Parishioners' needs when someone dies, offering practical and emotional support to help parishioners cope with the loss of someone close to them.– It was agreed that this would be discussed further at next meeting.

AGENDA

LENT AND EASTER

A reading rota for Holy week has been produced and circulated.

The cards designed by FG have been well received – Our regular parishioners have very much liked the design of the card – the pictures used and the clear layout have been commented on.

Cards were given to the school, so that all children had a card to take home.

Everything has been ordered for Easter and palms have been taken down to school for their End of Term Service

Sign up sheets for Maundy Thursday are nearly complete.

It was agreed that KS would ask TM re. Easter eggs for the vulnerable children's unit as we have not heard anything so far this year. We took over providing the Easter eggs during the Covid pandemic as the usual charity donating the eggs did not have the funds to provide them because of the lockdown and lack of fundraising opportunities. However it is believed that the original charity has started providing the Easter eggs again. KS will check.

FrM talked about the reintroduction of the Chalice - as from Maundy Thursday - if we want to.

If we want to reintroduce the Chalice to the Masses it would be necessary to announce it at the Masses the Sunday before – FrM suggested we wait until the Feast of Corpus Christi

ARCHBISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER

FrM considers the diocese should declare one Sunday over the Summer – an open day – this is a big subject – It was agreed that we would need to work through the questionnaire – and to involve more people than in this committee including young people in order to get a range of views. It was agreed that this would be considered at the next meeting – PPC members have a copy of the questionnaire – It was suggested that like the synod we would need to have an event for parishioners in order to discuss the Archbishop's thoughts – It was proposed that this might take place somewhere between Easter and Summer Holidays – mid July

PARISH LIFE AFTER EASTER

SR has offered to do a quiz – could we do this in Summer. KS to liaise with Sue and we will discuss some dates at the next meeting.

AOB

May procession - Goring have a plinth – So a day for the procession needs to be chosen – The procession should include the First Communion children.

Father Michael thought it would be nice to have the children wear sashes and there is a haberdashers in Henley – He suggested that volunteers might like to make sashes and veils for the children to wear in the procession – FrM suggested that the children might like to bring flowers.

FrM asked if we run the procession after the 10.30am Mass – and have refreshments in the hall afterwards followed by the Games afternoon

The Games afternoon has been proposed for 21st May

BT and FrM to confirm the date

Mary's Meals – Fundraising – It has been suggested that on Sunday 7th May a collection for Mary's Meals be taken – KS to email Mary's Meals lady when she has found out who she is.

Monday 24th April and 12th June in the Presbytery

Closing prayer FrM