**Minutes for Meeting of St Michael’s Parish Pastoral Council, Sonning Common**

**held on 27 June 2022**

Present: Fr M, DB, KS, BW, SB

Apologies ML, MOD, TM

Opening prayer – Fr Michael

The minutes from the last meeting were ratified.

**Matters arising from previous minutes.**

It was felt that the Ceilidh went well with a good attendance of about 50 people.

The visit to Culham Court produced a lot of positive feedback.

Altar servers – There are only two weeks after the Confirmation and First Communion services to speak with children to encourage them to become altar servers – before the Summer Holidays

It was felt that FrM may be best placed to talk to them at school.

DB spoke with DH who from the latter’s experience suggested the best way to train the children as servers is to ask them to come 30 minutes before the Mass and gradually do the training at this time.

The teas and coffees after the 10.30am Mass had started again but it was down to BK alone and it was agreed that more help would be needed in September.

It is hoped that the Children’s Liturgy should be able to start again in September and DB would give an update at the next meeting.

It was suggested that FrM might like to consider asking people directly to take on roles as this may be a more effective way of getting “volunteers”

Adult formation is planned for September and might include the parents of children doing their First Communion.

**Parish Open Day**

It was agreed that it was difficult to gauge interest in the Open Day, but that interest could be increased with the use of posters and by sending out messages on the local neighbourhood social media group.

The date and details had been put in local magazines by DB

SB agreed to take charge of putting a message on social media and BW said she would produce a poster that KS could then print and laminate and DB and KS could put up around the village.

KS said she would arrange for details to go in the school newsletter.

KS suggested that we send out a personal invite to the local ministers.

KS would take charge of the cream teas and would ask locally for extra Gazebos.

It was suggested that the Church could do with an extra clean but the trouble is finding the volunteers to do this at short notice.

An outline for the day was planned and DB said he would take charge of reminding those involved.

KS and DB would bring down tables and chairs from the hall on the Thursday before the event.

KS suggested getting some banners made with details of all the groups that St Michael’s supports.

**AOB**

FG has suggested that we get a new sign for the front of Church – this was suggested previously some time ago and KS has the details re. planning permission available. FrM will liaise with FG regarding the sign.

Parking in the car park – one of the regular Hall hirers was not happy about the vans and cars parked on the slope which is supposed to be left free for hall hirers and their clients and Mass goers. KS will have a word with the builders as they have been seen leaving their van/cars and enter the building site next door.

The meeting was closed with a prayer

**Next meeting Monday 5th September.**