

Minutes of PPC Meeting 20/3/2024

Opening Prayer Fr Michael

Present: MOD, ML, SB, BT, KS, Fr Michael

Apologies TM

Actions from Maia's visit

Deborah to take forward idea of Youth Mass

Charity walk – set up donations via Dona machine or JustGiving for Launchpad.

Pocketful of Prayers

No further progress despite contact with archdiocese

DBS

ML is still in contact with Archdiocese. ML to complete spreadsheet showing DBS numbers and renewal dates. DBS lapses are still not flagged up automatically. Suggest that “rolling DBS” are applied for when renewal is due.

Lent – all in place with a person being received into the church on Easter Sunday.

World Day of Prayer - very successful and beautiful service with about 80 attendees

Prayer retreat – very well received. Maybe other topics would interest people in the parish and similar events could be hosted in the future.

Faith discussion groups happen in the archdiocese.

Fr Michael will give talks in June about historical aspects of the Bible. Further arrangements tbc.

Archbishop's Letter

A discussion took place regarding the Archbishop's Letter focusing on the leadership of the lay parish members through parish pastoral councils. We already have a parish council. Fr M thinks that the Sonning Common

model is working and it could be used as a model for other parishes. It's important to have a strong PPC as there are currently 7 parish priests in the deanery – could be 2 in 10 years.

PPC constitution to be distributed to the PPC members - MOD will contact SF and KS will do a further search for it too.

AGM might be a platform to recruit more members. MO'D would be prepared to speak after each mass one weekend. Prospective members could attend as visitors initially.

Good to involve young people – group at St Anne's might be a good model. Possible merger?

BT has asked two male parishioners if they would like to join PPC and is still waiting for their response.

1st Holy Communion will be taking on 16th June and 11 children are being prepared for it.

Confirmation on 30th June – 1 adult as well as children. Fr will appeal to find any adults who wish to be confirmed.

Thoughtful Living Group – The assessment is delayed due to the volunteers not be available - waiting to find out the date. Charity Walk scheduled for weekend of May 18th. Plant Sale /Book Sale planned for May.

Social Events

- Games session for young people/teenagers in the summer of autumn (after 10.30am mass); MOD to organise
- Games afternoon for adults/teenagers (possibly in September); MOD to organise
- Safari Supper in July
- Pastoral Weekend in September
- Quiz was successful so may repeat

Fr Michael's anniversary – KS will supply a list of requirements for a cream tea/sandwiches. Saturday 20th April at 2.30pm in church hall. Will need to

find numbers – sign up sheet. KS to send a WhatsApp message asking parishioners to save the date and help with the event.

Closing Prayer Fr M

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 22nd April 2024