

St. Benedict's Church, Stratton-on-the Fosse

Notes on the Pastoral Council Meeting 14th August, 2019 at 7.30 pm

NB – Only matters in Bold on the Agenda were to be discussed – the rest deferred until the September Meeting

Minutes

1. Prayer ^[L]_[SEP]

Fr Leo opened the meeting with prayer and a reading

2. Present

Peter Beaven, John McGarvey, Cathy Wolfe, Ophelia Prior, Fr Leo

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3. Apologies

Liz Avis, Louise Avis, Tim Clarke, Liam O’Gorman, Jo Harrison, Fr Michael ^[L]_[SEP]

4. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting ^[L]_[SEP]

These were approved with the correct spelling of Tamsyn Richardson-Aitken amended

5. Parish Barbecue and Parish Life Exhibition

Arrangements for the BBQ were discussed. The following details were agreed.

- a. Music – Liz Avis
- b. Provide and erect Gazebos – Liz Avis
- c. Tables, chairs – Peter Beaven with Lee Rodgers
- d. BBQ equipment – Peter Beaven will arrange with Lee Rodgers and Tim Clarke
- e. Plates, cups and cutlery – Cathy Wolfe will organize
- f. Food – Burgers, Sausages (including veggie), Buns (round and submarine), condiments – Cathy Wolfe will purchase
- g. Salads – Peter Beaven will organize
- h. Biscuits - Peter Beaven will organize
- i. Drinks – Peter Beaven will talk to Fr Michael about this.
- j. Availability of Visitor Centre – Peter Beaven will talk to Fr Michael about this.
- k. Staffing: cooking, bar etc – Peter Beaven will organize
- l. Checking numbers – on Sunday 25th Cathy Wolfe will check lists. Peter Beaven will send names of those who have said they will come (everyone else please do so too)

It was agreed that PPC members will check this list to see if everything has been covered - ALL

Parish Life Exhibition – Peter Beaven & Fr Leo gave an update

- a. Fr Leo distributed a leaflet he had prepared. He asked that this be looked at and any alterations or omissions sent to him. PPC members thanked Fr Leo for the work he had done on this. Fr Leo will see to the final printing of this.
- b. Peter Beaven updated on those who had agreed to date to be present. These were:
 - Marybell Melotte- flower arranging and soup and cheese lunches
 - Rosie Harrington – Children’s Liturgy
 - Angela Bennett – Bidding Prayers
 - Janet Curwen – Food Bank
 - Caroline Lane – CAFOD
 - SVP will have someone there

- Lee Rodgers – Maintenance Team
- Eve Nuttall – Church Cleaning – will not be there but has prepared a leaflet
- Mo Bennett – church flowers

Peter Beaven will receive drafts of leaflets and try to tweak them. Then send to Fr Leo for final editing and printing.

Peter Beaven will sort out tables for these people and signs for their stands.

6. St. Benedict's School – First Holy Communion Programme

Peter Beaven updated the Council on his meeting about the First Holy Communion programme with Fr James.

Fr James indicated that he would not be continuing this work and that he believed Fr Leo would be taking over.

He agreed that some changes needed to be made. In principle he agreed the following:

- The after school sessions were sometimes treated as free childcare by parents and it would be better if some of the sessions were held in the Parish Hall.
- If this was the case, then those sessions in the Parish Hall could be at a weekend and accompanied by a session for parents. *The PPC felt this could be a focus for the "family get together" group.*
- We were unsure who would be the lead for next year. It was felt that there could be a team to deliver different parts of the programme – but there would need to be a coordinator. Peter Beaven will speak to Fr Michael about this and about who will run the programme.
- The question of where the First Holy Communion should take place was discussed. There was a general feeling that this should be at St Benedict's and not at the Abbey as this would strengthen the link with the Parish. Peter Beaven will speak to Fr Michael about this.
- Once discussions have been held with Fr Michael and confirmed with Fr Leo Peter Beaven is willing to speak to Cindy Stocking about any changes, if any. Clearly this needs to happen in September to allow for planning.

7. Harvest Festival proposal.

Julie Justin has proposed a Harvest Festival Mass to be held on October 6th. She proposed that this should be for the 9.00 Mass and produce could be taken for a donation which would then go to CAFOD.

The PPC felt that this was a great idea but could be expanded in the following ways:

- This should be opened up to include all Masses that weekend. Julie has said she would welcome this.
- That we request fresh produce (to ensure a good display) but also dried goods
- Fresh produce could then be taken for a donation which would go to CAFOD
- Any Fresh produce left over could be used for a soup and cheese lunch that week if Marybell Mellotte is willing.
- Dried Goods could be donated to the Food Bank

Peter Beaven will contact Julie for her views on this. He will then contact Marybell about the soup and cheese idea.

7. Safeguarding ^[SEP]

No issues raised ^[SEP]

8. A.O.B [SEP]

John McGarvey reported that he is investigating wi-fi access for the Church Hall and will report back at the next meeting

9. Date of Next Meeting

11th September at 7.30

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10. Final Prayer

Led by Fr Leo [SEP]