

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

### Minutes of the Pastoral Council Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019

1. Fr. Michael opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. Present: Cathy Wolf, Peter Beaven, Tim Clarke, Liam O’Gorman, John McGarvey, Father Michael, Father Leo, Joanne Harrison. Also present were Tamsin ? and Caroline Lane.
3. Apologies for Absence: Ophelia Prior, Liz Avis, Louise Avis.
4. Minutes of the last Meeting were approved.
5. Matters Arising:
  - a) Parish Climate Change Initiative:

Caroline updated the PPC. She described the Interfaith event ‘Walk of Witness’ which proceeded on Trafalgar Square and Westminster. Among the 12-15,000 people lobbying Parliament was Christine Allen the new Director of CAFOD. The South West contingent met on Lambeth Bridge along with local MP James Heapey who accepted 118 signatures from St Benedict’s and local parishes. In all some 300 MPs attended and the petition highlighting Christian concern on Climate Change was delivered to Westminster by rickshaw.

Caroline was happy to show the film ‘Global Healing’ again. It was decided to advertise by showing the trailer of the film after Masses and to put a notice in the Parish Newsletter. It was decided to show the film in the Church hall on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September after both 9.00am and 11.00am Mass with discussion to follow after the latter. PPC to liaise and organise

It was noted that 1<sup>st</sup> September is World Day of Prayer for Cares of Creation and a prayer would be included in Saturday evening and Sunday Bidding Prayers on that weekend. Father Michael

It was noted that Notice Boards for Caroline’s use had been procured and would be put up on the rough wall. Peter would speak to Maintenance Committee.
  - b) Deanery Map for Lord Hylton: Tim would remind Canon David Ryan of St. John’s, Bath about a copy of a map of the Deanery. All agreed such a map would be a good tool for the Parish.
  - c) Sunday Mass Readers: Cathy and Joanne were still not on the list. Cathy would investigate with Paul Lane.

d) Bidding Prayers: **Liam** would arrange the second Reader at Sunday 11.00 Mass to read the bidding prayers devised by Angela Bennett after August when people are back from holidays.

e) Youth Development:

Noah's Camp: Tamsin described Noah's Camp run by Simon and Mary Cameron which takes place on 12-15<sup>th</sup> August at Whyte's Farm, Dymock. Attended by about 300 people both campers and day guests it is a Catholic run ecumenical weekend for families. **Tamsin** would write to Father Leo with an advert to put in the Newsletter. It was suggested that **Joanne** who would be attending with her family would also write something for the Newsletter afterwards.

St Benedict's School: **Peter** agreed to meet with Father James and subsequently the Headmaster of St. Benedict's to discuss possible new arrangements for First Confession and First Communion.

St. Gregory's School: **Cathy** agreed to make contact with Chaplain Matt Robinson

f) Parish Hall Management: Tamsin was very interested to involve herself to help in the smooth running of arranging bookings for the Church Hall. She thought the best policy in the first instance was to put an email link and telephone number on the Parish Website so that interested parties could request a booking. The same email and number could be put in the Newsletter.

Items to be decided by the PPC would be:

- a. Who would have access?
- b. Wi-Fi in hall would be needed.
- c. What are the facilities on offer?
- d. What is the capacity of the hall?
- e. Who will open and close the hall?
- f. What is the policy on opening and closing the hall?
- g. Pricing – a tiered pricing system?
- h. Is public Liability Insurance in place?
- i. Are fire regulations in place?
- j. How would the flat above the church be separated from the hall when in use?

It was decided to ponder and to discuss all of the above at a future meeting. Peter thanked Tamsin for her enthusiastic response.

g) Parishioners' email addresses: Broadband would be required for this and **John** would look into this and would also draft a letter for parishioners willing to be contacted by email to sign.

j) Social Events:

- i) Summer Barbecue & 'Freshers' Fayre' on 31<sup>st</sup> August: This would take place after 5.00pm Mass. This would also showcase a Parish Life Exhibition. **Father Leo** would prepare something for **Peter** to send out. **Liz** would be asked to take care of a bar if it was agreed one was necessary.
  - iv) Quiz Night: Feedback -All agreed this was a very enjoyable evening
- 6. Parish Pilgrimage 2019 to Belmont Abbey and Hereford Cathedral, 6<sup>th</sup> July: All agreed this was a huge success and should be repeated. **Liam** would write something for the Newsletter.
- 7. Parish Website: in abeyance
- 8. Safeguarding: It was confirmed that Paul Justin was now Safeguarding officer. A photo of him would be required for the Noticeboard. Nobody on PPC had safeguarding issues to report.
- 9. Parish Banner: in abeyance
- 10 Eucharistic Ministry: Priest to announce at Mass to whom Communion was being taken: in abeyance
- 11 A.O.B. It was noted that October is the Extraordinary Month of Mission which fitted nicely with our saying of the Rosary before Mass in that month.
- 12 Date of the Next Meeting: The dates of the next meetings were fixed for 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019 and 11<sup>th</sup> September.
- 13 Fr. Leo closed the meeting with a prayer.

Upcoming reminders:

Parish life Exhibition and Barbecue 31<sup>st</sup> August  
 29<sup>th</sup> September 'Global Healing' second showing and Discussion  
 October: Rosary to be said before Mass.  
 Advent: Prayer for 'Pew Partner' during Bidding Prayers.  
 Margaret Pole Mass 2020: Cathy to make Order of Service  
 Parish Pilgrimage 2020: Where?