

PARISH MEETING

5 November 2002

Eight and Father Gordon were present at the Meeting held in the Day Chapel at 1900 on Tuesday 5 November 2002

Annual Accounts 2001

Copies of the Accounts for 2001 were presented.

Although £12K was carried over to 2002 £9.76K of this had been carried over from 2001. In addition an Invoice for £11.55K – for 2001 – was not included having been presented in January 2002.

Expenses for the House were down due to Wages having been moved to the Office category – whose expenses were thus higher.

Clarification was required concerning the School Levy which is paid by the Parish (as opposed to the one paid by the School). This levy is a fund to assist all the Archdiocesan Schools – not Our Lady and All Saints alone.

Millennium Projects Progress:

The Historical Churches have given the necessary permissions to put tin hand the proposed works to the Church.

The cost of these works will be £55K. The highest sum will be £22K for heating additions and alterations, with £16K for repainting and £8K for re-carpeting. This total of £55K is 78% less than the projected £242K given in 1998.

Due to a financially constrained Ampleforth the Parish's £37K deposit may not be free to be withdrawn until at least the autumn of 2003.

£13K of this has already been designated to pay for the conversion of the Church heating from Oil to Gas – as yet still unpaid.

The Archdiocese may be able to offer a bridging loan until the deposit is available and the additional money is received as a loan from Ampleforth. Both the Archdiocese and Ampleforth will require clear evidence that their loans will be repaid.

If permission is received for the loans it is hoped that work would commence on 6 January and be finished by mid March. It would be appropriate for Archbishop Patrick to say Mass in a completed Church when he visits on 23 March 2003.

Unfortunately the work has to take place in Winter due to Weddings which begin in April and end in October.

Fund Raising:

Fund raising will have to be undertaken to assist with the above works – it was said that this is what binds a Parish together!

How to raise Funds? – various suggestions were made:

Have a second collection every week until the money is met?

Ask for money before or after the work has been done?

Increase the rent for Property leased?

Volunteers to run the Marathon?

Fund raising in family (i.e. road) groups?

200 Club

The donation of £1 per month has been the same for over 30 years yet costs have risen ten fold in the same period. Should the monthly contributions be raised – along with raising the prize money?

It was suggested that the prizes be given at a function - coffee after Mass? It was too late to re-launch the 200 Club this year since its year starts in October - but it could be considered for next year.

Mission to the Missing:

It is hoped that a fact gathering mission on religious affiliation be undertaken to all Houses in the Spring and that it could incorporate both Christ Church Parbold and Christ Church Newburgh. Information gathered on religious affiliation would be passed to the appropriate Church for further action. Parishioners of Our Lady and All Saints would then be able to target known Catholic Houses.

It was suggested that each area of the Parish has a committed person to be the eyes and ears of that area to make contact, keep lists up to date and be supportive.

Review of Mass Times:

Monday 1215 Mass will be continued since it has proved beneficial.

A request was made for Mass at 0700 one day a week during Lent – Father Gordon would investigate the support for this.

Since Boxing Day this year falls on a Thursday Mass would be at 1900.

It was proposed to move the Mass time this year to 1000 for Boxing Day.

Nugent Care Link

Father Gordon gave out leaflets concerning a Nugent Care Link Person for those with learning disabilities in the Parish.