

## **PARISH MEETING 8 NOVEMBER 2001**

Nineteen were present at the Meeting held in the Day Chapel at 1940 Thursday 8 November 2001

### **ACCOUNTS**

The Accounts for the year 2000 were presented having been presented to the Finance Committee on Tuesday 6 November.

There had been an increase of 5.7% in Income, and an increase of 5.7% on Expenditure. The year had a deficit of £4,858. It was pointed out that the levy to the Archdiocese was £4,847.

Covenants were up by 24% although Tax recovered was only up by 0.4% due to the drop in the tax rate.

Car expenses were down with only one car to cater for compared with the two cars in 1999. Expenses on Insurance Maintenance and Repairs were up, but there had been a drop in Office and Pastoral expenses.

Council Tax NI and Retirement Fund expenses were up considerably due to the 3.69% Retirement and Training Fund to Ampleforth being included in this figure. For 1999 this had been removed from the Offertory totals.

There was a request that the Offertory Income figure in the Weekly Bulletin include Standing Orders as well as the money received that weekend in the plate.

### **OCTOBER SURVEY**

***One Altar or Two.*** The Survey of 7 October showed that 75% of the Parish wished to have one Altar only in any Sanctuary re-organisation. Those at the Meeting suggested that the frontal of the existing Altar go against the Tabernacle Wall whilst the Top be used as the Top for a new forward Altar.

***Latin at Mass.*** The Parish survey showed 58% not being against some monthly Latin. A member of the Meeting objected to this. Father Gordon replied that the use of Latin was a personal issue. The Church has directed that it be maintained in the Liturgy –especially the Gregorian Chant. Whilst some maintain that Latin drives the young away others maintain that our Churches are empty due to the Latin being dropped.

***The Tabernacle Pinnacle.*** The Parish Survey showed that 61 % did not object to its removal. At the Meeting two members expressed strong objections to this.

### **CHRISTMAS MORNING MASS**

Those present agreed that 1000 was a suitable time.

### **THE 24 HOUR CLOCK**

An objection was voiced to the use of the 24 hour clock in the Weekly Bulletin. One member pointed out that if there was an objection to the use of Latin then the use of am and pm (ante meridiem and post meridiem) should mean there should be no problem with using the non Latin 24 hour clock.

## **CHURCH LIGHTS**

A member voiced an objection to the new Church Lights, which were felt to be too bright. There was a possibility that when the existing 500-watt lamps burnt out 300-watt lamps be used in their place.

Father Gordon apologised for the too bright external lights – there had been a mix up in measurements by the Contractors who laid down more lights than were required. Again, perhaps when the existing Lamps burn out, smaller wattage Lamps could be used.

## **SOUND SYSTEM**

An objection was raised as to the Volume of the Sound System, which was considered too high. Father Gordon said he would reduce the Master volume level – although the Millennium committee had expressed the view that the Sound System was not loud enough.

## **CHURCH HEAT**

Father Gordon explained that next week the Boiler would be changed from Oil to Gas and there might be no heat at the weekend due to the expiry of existing oil.

## **CHOIR**

Jean Cavendish asked if the Choir were missed. The Meeting replied in the affirmative.

The Meeting concluded with a Prayer at 2120.