

**Our Lady and All Saints Parbold**  
**Minutes of the Parish Pastoral Advisory Group**  
**held in the Church Meeting Room**  
**1900 Monday 4 February 2013**

**Present:**

Parish Priest	Father Gordon
Chairman	Stephen Marston
Vice Chair	Richard Charnock
Clergy	Deacon David Bennett
Altar Servers	Stephen Marston
APF	Joan Trevelyan
CAFOD	Deacon David Bennett
Catechists	Richard Charnock
Children's Liturgy	Ged Tromp
Child Protection	Helen Jones
Coffee Group	Pauline Barnes
Extraordinary Ministers	Sue McCluskey
Finance	Anthony Hitchen
Flowers	<i>Apologies from Angela Roberts</i>
Health, Safety and Grounds	Anthony Hitchen
Music	<i>Apologies from Sue Mellor</i>
Nugent Care	<i>Vacant</i>
Prayer and Reflection Groups	Janet DeCamp
Primary School	Catherine Bennett
PTFA	Claire Cook
Readers	Maise McNeil
Rosary	<i>Apologies from Celia Charnock</i>
Social Group	Joan Trevelyan
Stewards	Pauline Barnes
SVP	<i>Apologies from Sue Mellor</i>
200 Club	Stephen Marston
Pastoral Area Working Group	Catherine Bennett ( <i>co-opted</i> )

**1. Welcome from the Chair**

Stephen Marston welcomed all present to the Meeting.

**2. Opening Prayer by the Parish Priest**

Father Gordon opened the Meeting with a Prayer.

**3 Roll Call**

A) Celia Charnock (Rosary), Angela Roberts (Flowers) and Sue Mellor (SVP, Music) all sent Apologies.

**4. Minutes from the meeting held on 8 October 2012**

The Minutes were inspected by the Group and found to be an accurate record. Proposed by Maise McNeil, seconded by Deacon David Bennett and agreed by all members present.

**5. Matters Arising****a) 6a - Parish Booklet**

Stephen Marston informed the PPAG that the Parish Booklet was almost complete, just awaiting photography to be organised.

The Group agreed to carry the item over to the next meeting.

Stephen Marston

**b) 6b Parish - Garden Fête**

The School PTFA will have their first meeting of 2013 next Wednesday, 6 February. Stephen Marston will attend and report back to the Group, any decisions about the Garden Fête.

Stephen Marston

**c) 8 – PAWG**

See item 6.

**d) 9 – Evangelisation**

Stephen Marston discussed with the Group his recent attendance of "*Crossing the Threshold*" on 2 February, a Conference regarding evangelisation. Although too soon for a full report, Stephen informed the Group on the themes of the Conference, especially welcoming non Church goers back to Church.

The Parish could implement a number of suggestions, such as welcome packs, keeping a record of Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals and inviting the families back to church on special anniversaries.

Naming the sick of the Parish during the Bidding Prayers at Sunday Mass was also discussed.

Edmund Arrowsmith School have been in contact with Fr Gordon, asking to conduct a survey into why people do not attend Church. This idea was discussed.

**6. PAWG**

Catherine Bennett reported to the Group that the PAWG document was now complete and available in Church. The PAWG has now disbanded, but the Pastoral Area now has a Pastoral Area Forum, to oversee the recommendations of the document. The findings of the document were discussed.

## **7 - Report on the Year of Faith**

The Group discussed the findings from the recent Informal meeting held about the Year of Faith; Parishioners will be given the opportunity to help with the Year of Faith, with the distribution of leaflets regarding evangelisation.

20 couples will be needed, to hand out the leaflets to the 378 houses in the Parish (37 houses each) with an invitation to spend the Easter Services with us.

The provision of a lending library of religious books, within Church, was discussed and at present, Fr Gordon is awaiting some books to be delivered.

## **8 – Survey on weekend 15+16 December**

The results of the questions distributed to on 15 + 16 December were discussed.

Richard Charnock expressed concern over the quality and reliability of the Survey.

The question of the Remembrance Sunday Mass was discussed. The Vicar of Christ Church, Parbold, would like an Ecumenical Service at an agreed point in the Village, which could involve both Churches, walking as a group.

Richard Charnock agreed with this idea, as the Cubs and Scouts are more used to this kind of service.

Father Gordon has given the results from the questions to the Vicar and will discuss with him further proposals.

Fr Gordon

## **9 – a) - Corpus Christi Procession**

The Group discussed the Corpus Christi Procession. The Group were asked to vote on whether to keep the Procession, with the majority voting to keep it. Ideas to make it more of an event were discussed. Deacon David would like the procession to end with a Parish picnic, games for the children etc, all agreed in principle.

The location for the picnic was discussed and Fr Gordon agreed to speak to the Convent and ask permission to use their lawns. If this is not possible, then the School grounds could be considered

Fr Gordon

## **9 –b) – The General Intercessions**

The General Intercessions (Bidding Prayers) were discussed. Fr Gordon reported that the Intercessions have to follow the Missal and we do not have a free reign with them. The idea of making the Bidding Prayers more personal to the Parish was discussed. A Book of Remembrance was also discussed; Fr Gordon has this in hand.

## **AOB**

Joan Trevelyan asked that details of the Monthly Second Collection and what they are for, is placed in the Weekly Newsletter.

## **Date and time of next Meeting**

20 May 2013, 1900 Church Meeting Room.

## **Concluding Prayer**

Stephen Marston thanked all who attended.

Father Gordon concluded with a Prayer.

Stephen Marston  
Chairperson

Helen Jones  
Secretary

