

Our Lady and All Saints Parbold
Minutes of the Parish Pastoral Advisory Group
held in the Church Meeting Room
1900 Monday 20 May 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	Angela Roberts
Health, Safety and Grounds	Anthony Hitchen
Music	Sue Mellor
Nugent Care	No Representative attended
Prayer and Reflection Groups	Janet DeCamp
Primary School	Catherine Bennett
PTFA	No Representative attended
Readers	Maise McNeil
Rosary	<i>Apologies from Celia Charnock</i>
Social Group	Joan Trevelyan
Stewards	Pauline Barnes
SVP	Sue Mellor
200 Club	Stephen Marston
Pastoral Area Forum	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), sent Apologies.
- B) Peter Madden also attended the meeting to update the PPAG on the year of Faith visiting.
- C) Mary Beatham has been nominated to represent Nugent Care but has not responded.

4. Minutes from the Meeting held on 4 February 2013

The Minutes were inspected by the Group and found to be an accurate record. Proposed by Richard Charnock, seconded by Catherine Bennett and agreed by all members present.

5. Matters Arising

a) 5a - Parish Booklet

Stephen Marston informed the PPAG that the Parish Booklet was almost complete, just awaiting costing and final draft.

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

b) 5b Parish - Garden Fête

The School PTFA have committed to supporting the idea of a joint Summer Fete next year.

Richard Charnock asked Fr Gordon, if a Parish Calendar with upcoming events could be published along side the Parish Newsletter.

The Group discussed the idea, with Fr Gordon explaining that a Calendar of events is already available in the porch of the Church and on the Parish Web-site. For May this year, the Newsletter had a list of upcoming dates included.

c) 7 – Year of Faith

Ampleforth Visit

Stephen reported that the very successful visit to Ampleforth, organised by Anthony Charnock was attended by 62 Parishioners, including 10 Children.

49 travelled by coach, the remaining, using their own transport.

The parishioners enjoyed a tour of the Visitor Centre, a tour of the Abbey and a talk on the history of Ampleforth. All enjoyed their day and Stephen thanked Anthony Charnock on behalf of the PPAG.

House Masses

No one had contacted Peter Madden about the possibility of House Masses, so therefore none were conducted.

Stephen Marston

Lent Discussions

Caroline Marston has reported that the Lent Discussion Group met every Thursday during Lent, discussing a variety of subjects, including the Weekly Gospel. Eight different Parishioners attended, with an average of five each week. This proved to be a good number for discussions. After a short break over Easter, the Group have resumed their Meetings, now fortnightly (alternating with SVP) on a Thursday evening after 1900 Mass.

Library

Plenty of books have been kindly donated, the shelves are now full. Some of the books donated have been badly damaged and others deemed inappropriate for a Parish Library.

Mystery Plays

Deacon David Bennett reported that the Mystery Plays are progressing. Leaflets have been distributed around the Village, by the younger members of the Parish. Tickets are now available.

Parish Visiting

Peter Madden informed the PPAG that 43 roads had been visited with a further 19 still to visit; this was done by 16 Parishioners.

The Group discussed the idea of visiting again, maybe on the run up to Christmas, although no decision was made.

The PPAG thanked Peter and his volunteers for all their hard work.

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i) Corpus Christi Procession

The PPAG discussed various ideas for Corpus Christi Procession this year. As there are no First Communicants this year and with logistics problems at the Convent time, the usual Procession to the Convent cannot take place. In addition the Convent were against the idea of a picnic in their grounds.

Fr Gordon asked the PPAG their opinions on whether we as a Parish should carry on with a Procession around the grounds of the Church or cancel the Procession completely.

The idea of using the School was discussed, but, because of the narrow path and gate from the Church to the School, as well as the narrow steps and ramp, this was discounted. Richard Charnock disagreed with the decision, stating that Health and Safety issues should not be used to cancel events.

Various ideas were discussed, such as processing around the Church or Exposition after Mass, by several members of the PPAG, and a vote taken on the various ideas. 13 voted for inside procession, 4 voted for cancelation and 0 voted for outside, Fr Gordon will take all ideas and make final decision.

ii) Remembrance Sunday

No change for this year's Remembrance Service since it is the turn of Christ Church, Parbold to host the Uniformed organisations.

Fr Gordon

6. Report from the Pastoral Area Forum – Catherine Bennett.

What was previously the Pastoral Area Working Group is now known as the Pastoral Area Forum. The PAF development Plan has been presented to the Council of Priests for approval.

The PAF decided to concentrate on three areas,

- 1) Communication, Building and Administration
- 2) Evangelisation, Outreach and Formation
- 3) Mass Times, Sacramental Celebrations and Pastoral Care

The PAF have decided to concentrate of Evangelisation this year.

A start has been made on a Pastoral Area Directory. There was also a proposal for a Parish Area Magazine, which would involve all parishes.

AOB

The idea for a Harvest Festival celebration was discussed. Stephen asked for three volunteers to make a sub Group to look into the idea. Sue McCluskey, Catherine Bennett and Peter Madden all agreed.

Date and time of next Meeting

7 October 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

