

Our Lady and All Saints Parbold
Minutes of the Parish Pastoral Advisory Group
held in the Church Meeting Room
1900 Monday 12 October 2015

Present:

Parish Priest	Father Gordon
Chairman	Stephen Marston
Vice Chair	Ged Tromp
Clergy	Deacon David Bennett
Altar Servers	Stephen Marston
APF	Joan Trevelyan
CAFOD	Deacon David Bennett
Catechists	Sue Mellor
Children's Liturgy	<i>No Representative</i>
Child Protection	Helen Jones
Coffee Group	Pauline Barnes
Extraordinary Ministers	<i>Apologies from Sue McCluskey</i>
Finance	Anthony Hitchen
Flowers	Angela Roberts
Health, Safety and Grounds	Anthony Hitchen
Music	Sue Mellor
Nugent Care	<i>Apologies from Mary Beatham</i>
Prayer and Reflection Groups	Janet DeCamp
Primary School	Catherine Bennett
PTFA	Trevor Willson
Readers	Maise McNeil
Rosary	Celia Charnock
Social Group	Joan Trevelyan
Stewards	Pauline Barnes
SVP	Sue Mellor
200 Club	Stephen Marston
<i>Also present</i>	<i>Peter Madden - Parishioner</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

Sue McCluskey, (Catechists, Eucharistic Ministers), Mary Beatham, (Nugent Care), sent apologies

4. Minutes from the Meeting held on 11 may

The Minutes were inspected by the Group and agreed as a true and accurate record, Proposed by Deacon David Bennett and seconded by Sue Mellor

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

The Parish Booklet was close to completion with Stephen Marston, Ged Tromp and Sue Mellor all working on its finishing touches.

Working
Party

B) 5b – Saturday Morning Mass

Saturday Morning Mass has been changed from 1100 to 1000 until Christmas, to see if numbers increase.

For the first week, there were 3 Parishioners and 3 Sisters present.

The second week saw the same numbers as would have been present at 1100.

At the last Meeting Fr Gordon had been asked about the possibility of the Priest saying Mass from the rear of the Altar as at weekend. Fr Gordon felt that this would be a retrograde step – removing the intimate family spirit.

C) 5c - Proclaim '15

Janet Decamp reported to the PPAG, the results of the recent *Proclaim '15* events. The May event was very well received and the Children's Mass also went very well. Janet thanked all who helped her for their assistance.

Janet collated the responses from the May event, which showed that those who attended would like to see more Social events and inclusion in the Parish Janet suggested a Yearly Calendar of events to be completed and a Group of volunteers to assist with this, Janet has already received two offers of help at the May event.

The PPAG discussed various ways to encourage Parishioners to help at the various events and decided to ask people and advertise in the Parish Newsletter.

6. Parish Fête

Stephen Marston advised the Group on last years Parish Fête, held at Parbold Hall. The Fête raised very little for the Parish, compared with the previous year, when the Parish received over £1,000.

The event had been advertised for four weeks in the Parish Newsletter, asking for help, ideas or Parishioners to run stalls.

Celia Charnock, said that items in the Newsletter alone do not work and people need to be approached to help.

On the day, only four Parishioners helped which was a poor show from the Parish and was also quite embarrassing.

Stephen asked the PPAG for ideas to encourage people to help.

Joan Trevelyan felt that as the Fête was being held in the grounds of Parbold Hall, it felt like it was being hijacked from the Village.

Fr Gordon said that the site was in a perfect location for more people, to attend such as passing traffic and customers, after lunch, from the Wiggin Tree.

The PPAG felt that one reason the Fête was so poorly assisted, was the Parish Camp the same weekend, Fr Gordon said that he had not been notified of this and hoped that in future all Parish Camps would check with the Parish Diary to avoid a clash of date.

Next years Parish Fête's date has yet to be decided. The PTFA will meet soon, and inform the PPAG once a date is set.

Trevor Willson asked about the Parish's participation in the forthcoming Advent Fayre on 29 November. Joan Trevelyan proposed that the Parish looked after Cakes, Refreshments and another stall.

7. High Altar Triptych

Fr Gordon asked the PPAG, if something could be done to highlight the High Altar Triptych, which does not stand out, in its present form.

He showed the PPAG a photograph of St Benedict's Chapel at Ormskirk, which is identical to ours but is painted in various colours. The PPAG, agreed that this style was not suitable for OLAS. It was decided that some gold highlights could be more suitable.

This however will have to go through Historical Churches, prior to any work being carried out.

8. Refugees

Deacon David attended a Deacons' Meeting on 8 October which discussed the current Refugee crisis. He talked about what was discussed at this Meeting and proposed a Meeting for the Parish to suggest ways in which we, as a Parish, can help.

The Meeting will be at 1900 on Monday 23 November. This will be advertised in the Newsletter and in the Church.

7. Date and Time of next meeting

1900, Monday 1 February 2016.

Stephen thanked everyone for attending

Father Gordon concluded with a prayer.

Stephen Marston
Chairperson

Helen Jones
Secretary