

**Our Lady and All Saints Parbold**  
**Minutes of the Parish Pastoral Advisory Group**  
**held in the Church Meeting Room**  
**1900 Monday 8 October 2012**

**Present:**

Parish Priest	Father Gordon
Chairman	Stephen Marston
Vice Chair	<i>Apologies from Richard Charnock</i>
Clergy	Deacon David Bennett
Altar Servers	Stephen Marston
APF	Joan Trevelyan
CAFOD	Deacon David Bennett
Catechists	<i>Apologies from Richard Charnock</i>
Children's Liturgy	<i>Apologies from Ged Tromp</i>
<i>Coffee Group</i>	Pauline Barnes
Extraordinary Ministers	Sue McCluskey
Finance	<i>Apologies from Anthony Hitchen</i>
Flowers	Angela Roberts
<i>Health, Safety and Grounds</i>	<i>Apologies from Anthony Hitchen</i>
Music	<i>Apologies from Sue Mellor</i>
<i>Nugent Care</i>	<i>Not represented</i>
<i>Prayer and Reflection Groups</i>	<i>Apologies from Janet DeCamp</i>
<i>Primary School</i>	<i>Apologies from Catherine Bennett</i>
PTFA	Jess Robinson
Readers	Maise McNeil
Rosary	<i>Apologies from Celia Charnock</i>
Safeguarding	Helen Jones
<i>Social Group</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
Stewards	Pauline Barnes
<i>SVP</i>	<i>Apologies from Sue Mellor</i>
200 Club	Stephen Marston
Pastoral Area Working Group <i>Co-opted member</i>	<i>Apologies from Catherine Bennett</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 + 4 Roll Call**

a). Apologies:

Celia Charnock (Rosary), Ged Tromp (Children's Liturgy), Catherine Bennett (PAWG), Richard Charnock (Catechists), Janet DeCamp (Prayer Group), Sue Mellor (Music) and Anthony Hitchen (Finance) all sent apologies.

b). Consistent absences:

None applicable.

**5. Minutes from the Meeting held on 21 May 2012**

The Minutes were inspected by the group and found to be accurate; proposed by Sue McCluskey, seconded by Joan Trevelyan and agreed by all members present.

**6. Matters arising****a). Parish Booklet**

Stephen informed the group that the Parish Booklet is almost complete and should be ready for approval in the next four weeks.

Stephen Marston

**b). Garden Fête**

The PPAG decided that the Garden Fête would go ahead, in conjunction with OLAS School. Stephen Marston will attend a meeting of the PTFA and decide on a mutual agreed date.

Stephen Marston

**c). Parish Lunch**

The Parish Lunch did not go ahead, due to other commitments.

The idea of an event later in the year, maybe at Harvest time 2013 was discussed, with any decision to be made at the next meeting.

**d). New Mass Translation**

Stephen shared with the group the thoughts of the Parish Groups towards the New Mass translation. The overall comments were generally negative.

Father Gordon will pass on the findings at the next Deanery Meeting.

**e) Additional Item – Father Abbot's Letter**

Stephen read out the reply we had received, expressing Fr Abbot's apology at the time taken to reply and once again, expressing his regret at the decision to remove the Benedictines from OLAS.

**7. For the Record**

a). **Parish Camp:** which took place in June was discussed and all who attended agreed that it had been a complete success, despite the weather.

b). **Jubilee Service:** Father Gordon informed the group that he had received

praise from the other Churches for the Jubilee Service and party held at OLAS. Stephen thanked all who had helped before and during the day, to make the event a success.

### **8.Pastoral Area Working Group**

The report from the PAWG would be heard at the next meeting, due to Catherine Bennett being unable to attend this meeting.

Catherine Bennett

### **9. Evangelisation**

Father Gordon spoke to the group regarding the theme of the Synod of Bishop's Assembly in Rome – Re-evangelisation, in particular the decline of Mass attendance.

In this Parish, Mass attendance has dropped from 21% January – June 2012 to 15.5% June – October.

The group discussed various reasons for the drop in Mass attendances and what we can do as a Parish, to improve attendance particularly during this Year of Faith.

Various strategies were suggested.

Stephen asked the group to discuss within their own groups and with other members of the Parish, their thoughts on this and to report back at the next meeting.

All Members

### **10. AOB**

#### **a). Advent Fayre**

Jess Robinson and Joan Trevelyan informed the group that the Advent Fayre would take place on Sunday 2 December.

The Parish will concentrate on refreshments.

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

4 February 2013, 1900 Church Meeting Room.

### **12. Concluding Prayer**

Stephen Marston thanked all who attended.

Father Gordon concluded with a Prayer.

Helen Jones  
Secretary

Stephen Marston  
Chairperson

