

## **OLMS PC bulletin no.1**

### **PRIORITIES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD**

September 2021



**This bulletin is being sent by email to all names listed below who are currently involved in some activity in support of the parish. If you know of other parishioners/family/friends who could be usefully added, please let me know.**

After a couple of months meeting and getting input and feedback from parishioners I set out below a possible list of the priorities for OLMS in the year ahead. There are many, so focus and prioritisation may be needed as well as some more volunteers. I have summarised the challenges into 7 areas and each area will need its own plan of action, coordinated via the Parish Council.

I welcome all feedback and the PC can discuss when we meet by zoom at 7pm on 29<sup>th</sup> September.

#### 1. PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

- Regular update on all our priorities – to PC and parishioners, depending on content - all PC groups are included under PC for communications.
- Use weekly news sheet for headlines and links to FB; new PC email addresses. Picture gallery of group members and contact details; Periodic parish bulletin on progress; use of personal presentations after Masses. Interest forums for new activities.

#### 2. SCHOOLS

- Parish/school links for primary and secondary; FE and HE where relevant.
- Link to missions/fund raising for projects; letters exchange; links to sacraments; rosary; internet links

#### 3. FAITH MATTERS

- Parish based education and preparation; seasonal events e.g. Christmas, Lent; welfare and visits; rosary; services; links to other faith communities
- Increase team members to cover all aspects; transition from retiring volunteers

#### 4. CHURCH EXTENSION

- Research history; consult parish; outline of scheme; informal feedback from Dacorum; full application; sourcing suppliers and scheduling.
- Funds are available; permission needed from RCDOW

#### 5. FINANCE

- Joint project with Missionary leadership for investment plan; probable 5 year plan to self-sufficiency. Align with schools and St.Saviours to assure sufficient funds are raised.
- Appoint a new team of volunteers to manage finances/200 club/ gift aid etc. within 12 months

- Boost 200 club
- Install electronic payment system for collections, appeals etc.

#### 6. SOCIAL EVENTS

- Prepare a calendar of events for social interaction and fund raising
- Involve wider community in marketing – schools, other parishes, friends and neighbours; Chipperfield News, also KL, Sarratt, Bovingdon.

#### 7. PREMISES MAINTENANCE

- Team to clean, decorate, adorn the church
- Team to assemble a technical manual of services and inspections required to operate all supplies and maintain external integrity of buildings
- Transition oversight and operation from retiring volunteers to new teams over next 12 months.

The list isn't exhaustive, but shows the scope of work to be done over the next year or so. And who knows what else will happen in that time!!

Again, I'd appreciate any feedback – additions, amendments etc. following which we can think about informing the parish to gain their feedback and support.

Finally, we need to allocate names to the various work streams, so self-nominations please if you receive this bulletin; also let me have suggested additions to our number and their area of interest or competence.

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