**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JOINT PARISH PASTROAL COUNCIL (JPPC)**

**Held at St John’s, Mill End**

**11th January 2020**

**In Attendance: Apologies:**

Fr Shaun Church Fr Damian Ryan

Sharon Blayney

Margaret Burke

Judy Gordon

Yasmin Lakin

Ann Casey

Natalie Zammit

Maggie Stacey

Francis Holly

Toni D’Urso

David Scott

Michael Roche

Anne Lorrimer-Roberts

Richard Booth

Maria Crossland

1. **Welcome and Prayer**.

Fr Shaun welcomed everyone to the 6th meeting of the JPPC. The meeting began with a time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

1. **Matters Arising from Previous Meeting.**

*Parishioner Engagement Survey* – It was explained that the parishioner engagement survey would be given out to parishioners to complete during mass on the weekend of the 18th and 19th January 2020. A member of the SLT from each church will explain at mass what the SLT have been doing and ask for parishioners to complete the survey. It was also agreed which JPPC members would help collect the surveys at the end of each mass. Sharon agreed to circulate the results of the survey to the JPPC ahead of the next meeting.

1. **Finalisation of the Vision Statement and Strap Line.**

There was brief discussion regarding the ultimate purpose of the vision statement and strap line, with Fr Shaun explaining that the vision statement should be a statement against which we measure ourselves and aspire to be, whereas the strap line would be used as an easy to remember summary of the essential purpose of Vision Statement.

Following discussion around wording and order changes, the JPPC agreed that both the vision statement and strap line were ready to be finalised. Fr Shaun agreed to circulate the final vision statement and strap line to the JPPC following the meeting.

1. **Updates on Alpha, Discipleship Groups and Youth Ministry.**

Alpha – Mike explained that there are two full groups for the upcoming January 2020 Alpha, with a couple more guests expected. This Alpha will be commencing 21st January for a period of 11 weeks, with the Alpha day taking place 14th March. It was also explained that the team is looking into organising some smaller bespoke Alphas after Easter.

Discipleship Groups – It was explained that the Bible course has been relaunched and will be commencing 21st January for a period of 8 weeks, although it has been difficult to get parishioners to commit to hosting/leading groups. This 8 week course will be split into two periods of 4 weeks, in between which there will be a 6 week Lent programme. It was however highlighted that if parishioners have their own group that would like to take part in a programme outside of the set dates, they are more than welcome we have many resources. It was also suggested that it would be good to hold a programme following Alpha so that those coming out of the Alpha course can continue their growth and find fulfilment through a Discipleship Group.

Youth Ministry – Toni explained that the Youth Alpha team would next be meeting on Friday 17th January.

1. **Dates for Forthcoming Meetings**

The following dates were agreed:

Saturday 21st March 2020 – 2.00pm to 4.00pm – Our Lady’s, Rickmansworth

Saturday 16th May 2020 – 2.00pm to 4.00pm – St John Fisher, Chorleywood

Saturday 4th July 2020 – 2.00pm to 4.00pm – St John’s, Mill End

Saturday 26th September 2020 – 2.00pm to 4.00pm – Our Lady’s, Rickmansworth

Saturday 14th November 2020 – 2.00pm to 4.00pm – St John Fisher, Chorleywood

Saturday 16th January 2020 – 2.00pm to 4.00pm – St John’s, Mill End

Each JPPC meeting will be preceded at 1.30pm by a meeting of the hosting Parish Core Group.

1. **Any Other Business.**

There was no other business to discuss.

The meeting concluded at 4pm with prayer.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Saturday 21st March 2020** – 2.00pm to 4.00pm – Our Lady’s, Rickmansworth

Preceded by a meeting of **Our Lady’s Parish Core Group** at 1.30pm