

Area of Activity**Our Lady's Bereavement Team (Antonietta Tinney)****Activity since last PPC meeting**

The annual service of Prayers and Reflection for the bereaved families of our Parish was held on 6th July.
Around 30 people have attended. Some apologies were received from people invited but unable to attend.
Our Coffee Morning will be on Sunday, on 30th September.

Suggestions for change/improvement/issues to be addressed

It is important to have regular meetings. Our aim is to have a strong team for supporting parishioners in need of our "ministry".

Objectives set

- To make our team more known within the parish.
- Continue to send sympathy cards to newly bereaved families.
- To send cards on the first anniversary.

Who

All

Area of Activity Energy Report - Deolinda Eltringham**Activity since last PPC meeting**

On the 12th of June 2017 we had the PV solar panels system commissioned on Christopher House. The system was sold to the parish as capable of delivering Expected Yearly generation of 5037 kWh. **In the last 12 1/2 months our system has delivered 6444kWh.** That is 1407 kWh more than predicted.

For the area served by the 3-phase electricity meter (Church + Presbytery + Parish Offices + Emmanuel House + Fr. Michael's top flat), in the month of

- May we generated 28.24 kWh more than we used
- June we generated 23.37 kWh more than we used
- July we generated 54.77 kWh more than we used.

These were the sunniest months of the year and when we used least in the parish.

The system was predicted to have earned the parish an annual FITs cash back of £206 but **the parish received £ 394.54** which is more than predicted for the whole year.

So far it has reduced the parish annual CO₂ emissions by 2477.54 kg.

The system has saved the parish in saved energy costs over the year, £ 742.47. Together with the FITs income, **the parish has gained £1137.01** when it's expected yearly gain was of £737.

It was expected that the investment will be paid back in 12 3/4 years if the cost of electricity stays the same for the next 12 years, it is now expected to take less especially as the costs of energy have risen a lot recently and are likely to rise year on year. The initial pay back calculation assumed that the parish would be paying VAT on the electricity bought, but the current IFM contract absorbs the VAT and we are not paying it. The pay-back period for the £11451.60 invested was reduced to 10years.

For those interested: The PV panel's life performance efficiency is expected to slowly reduce

over time with age: After 10 years down to 90% of Panel min specification; and after 25 years down to 80% of Panel min specification. FITs payments only last for 20 years.

Forecast usage: In May this year the gas and electricity contracts were re-negotiated by IFM and the best offer came from British Gas. The new rates starting in July went up by 28% to 30%, which is a very large hike in running costs for all parishes in this scheme. Even if in our parish we only use only as much we used in the last 12 months, this increase in costs will be significant. So that the £ 742.47 saved costs will become near £ 960.63 this time next year. The pay-back period is now further reduced to 8.5 years.

N.B.: **Side Chapel** is planned to be heated using electricity, all the running costs of the chapel have not been included in these calculations. But it is likely to be taken from the same 3-phase meter of the church & presbytery complex that benefits from the PV system installed. This will impact on forecasts.

Suggestion for the parish

1) As the FITs payments from the government are due to be stopped at the end of December this year, the parish would benefit further from having some more panels installed on west side of the presbytery roof, before the end of December this year. (The South side is much affected by shadows from the trees all day) It will be easier this time as we already have a good EPC rating for the property that is still valid, and the 3-phase meter would cope without a problem. Also because the property already has a solar thermal unit on it and is quite shielded by the many trees planning permission should not be a problem.

As the PV and Solar Thermal systems in the parish have been installed by Solinvictus, I contacted them with the view to the small system increase on the Presbytery to be attached to the same 3-phase meter to which the current system is already attached. I have received their quote for an extra 8 panels on the west-side. This option will cost £5700 with the 20% VAT because of the 3-phase commercial meter we have. Work could be done soon and completed before December.

That is £712.50 per panel. I would like to suggest that an appeal is made to the parish this Creation Season for 8 donors to help pay for a panel each and reduce the running costs of the parish further.

The benefits for adding a system to the west side is that it will boost the supply in the afternoon to cover activity in the Presbytery, Emmanuel Centre, and Christopher House top floor, and potentially later the new chapel.

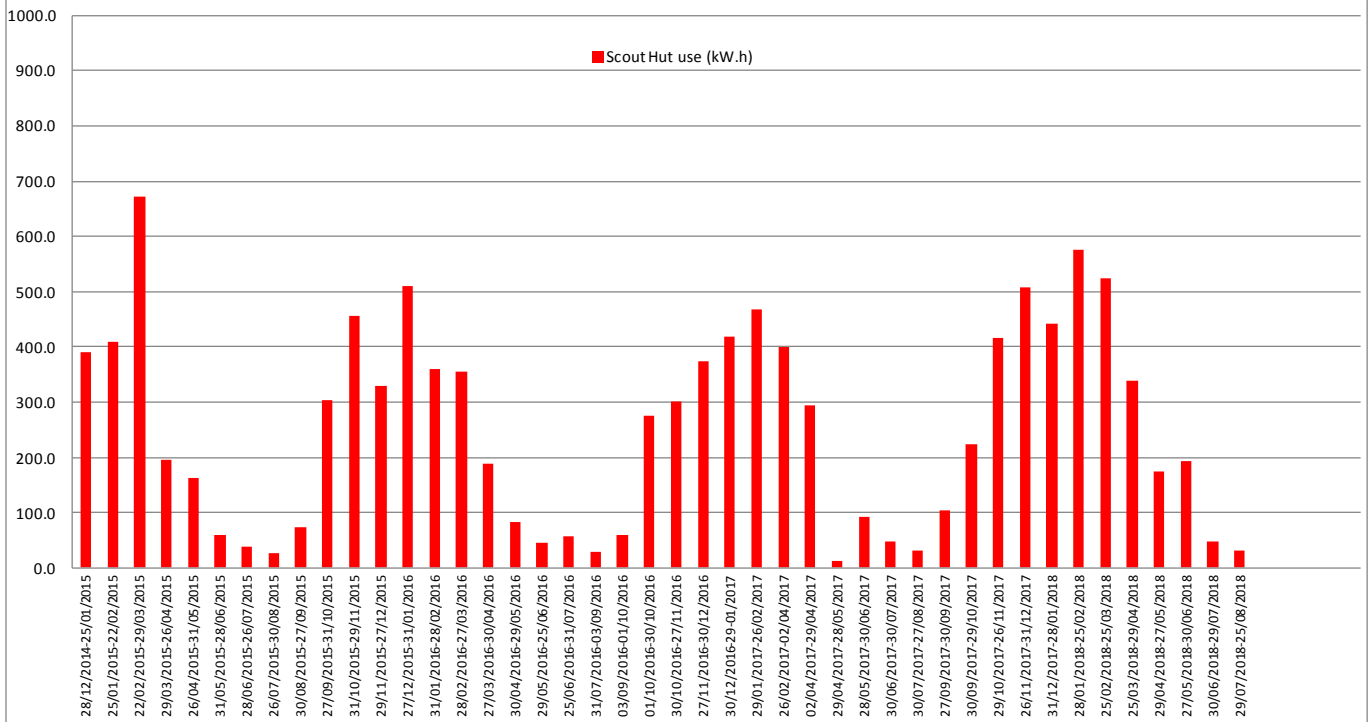
2) In the future installing a battery for storage of mid-day excess generated would also be beneficial. There has been news of better battery technology due to come on the market in 2 years or more time. It would be advisable to wait for it to reach the UK market.

Objectives set	Who
To make our parish resilient and self-sufficient in energy generation for the future needs. Can we reach 110% as suggested by a Vatican cardinal?	ALL

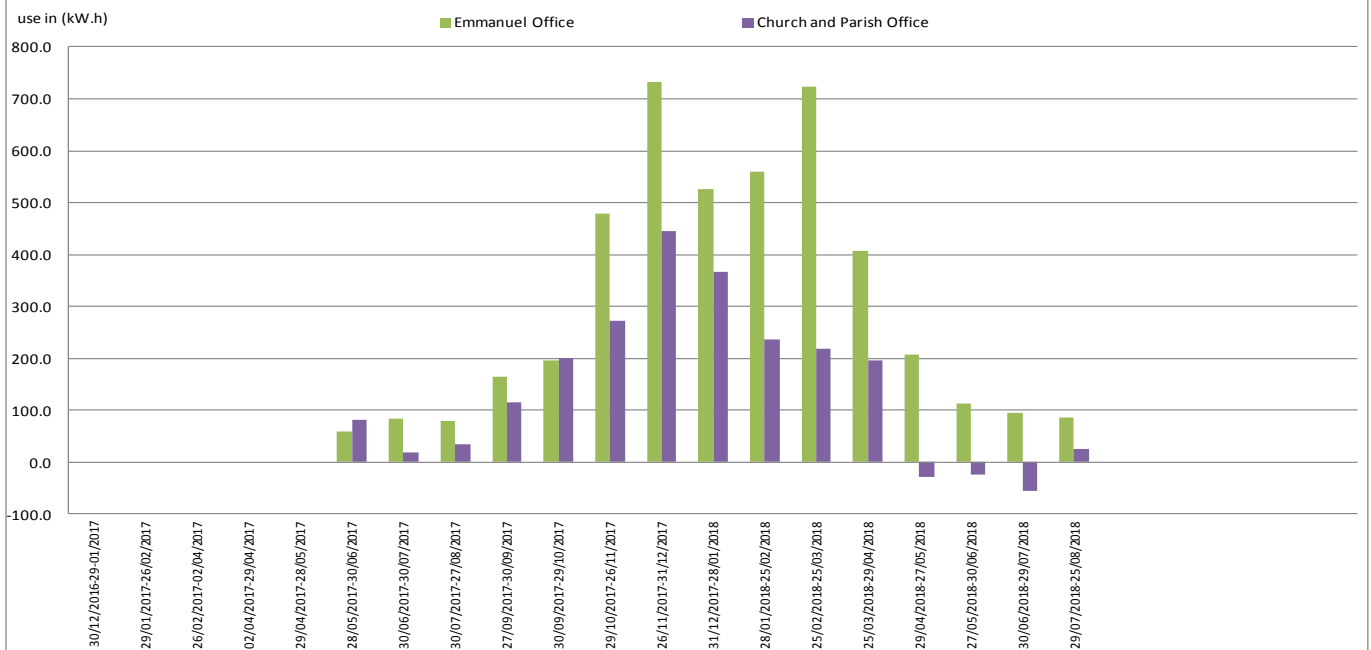
Other energy bills

The scout's hut:

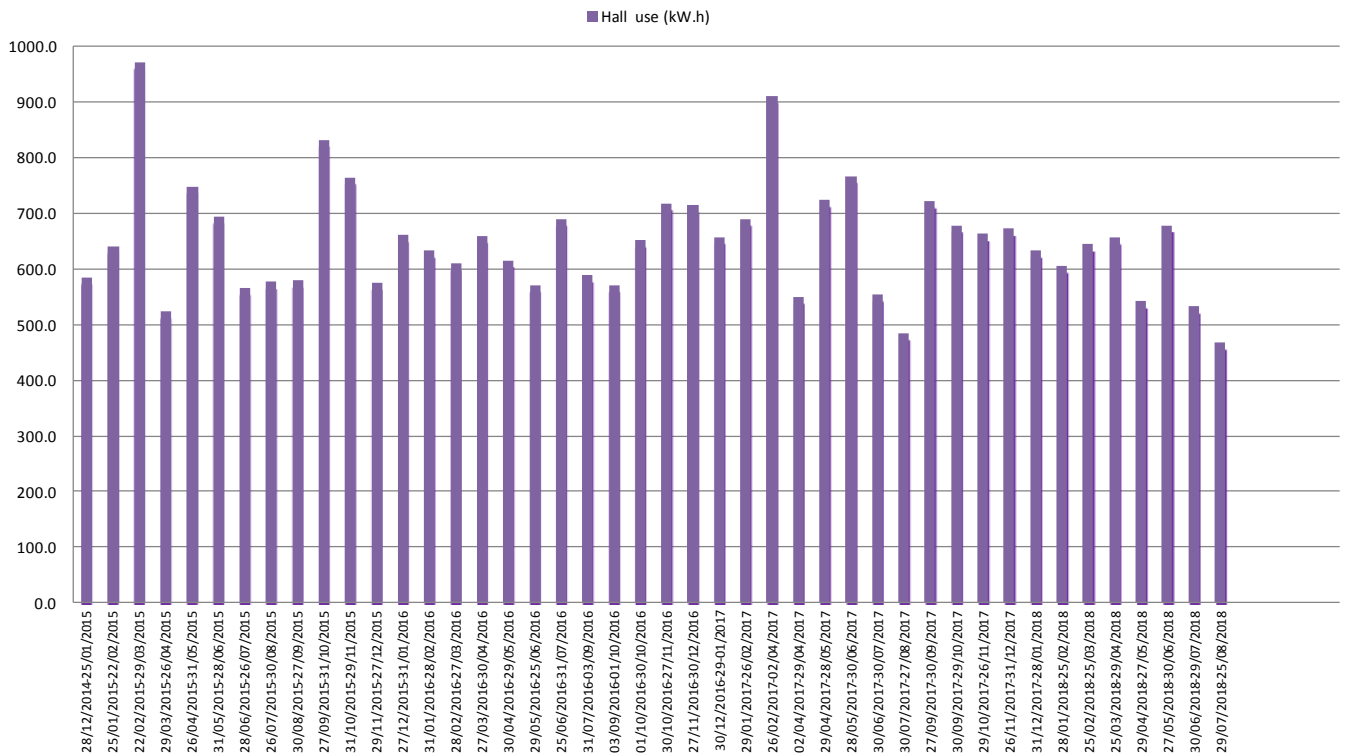
Monthly Electricity usage - Scout Hut 2015-2018



Monthly Electricity usage - PV site meters 2017-2018

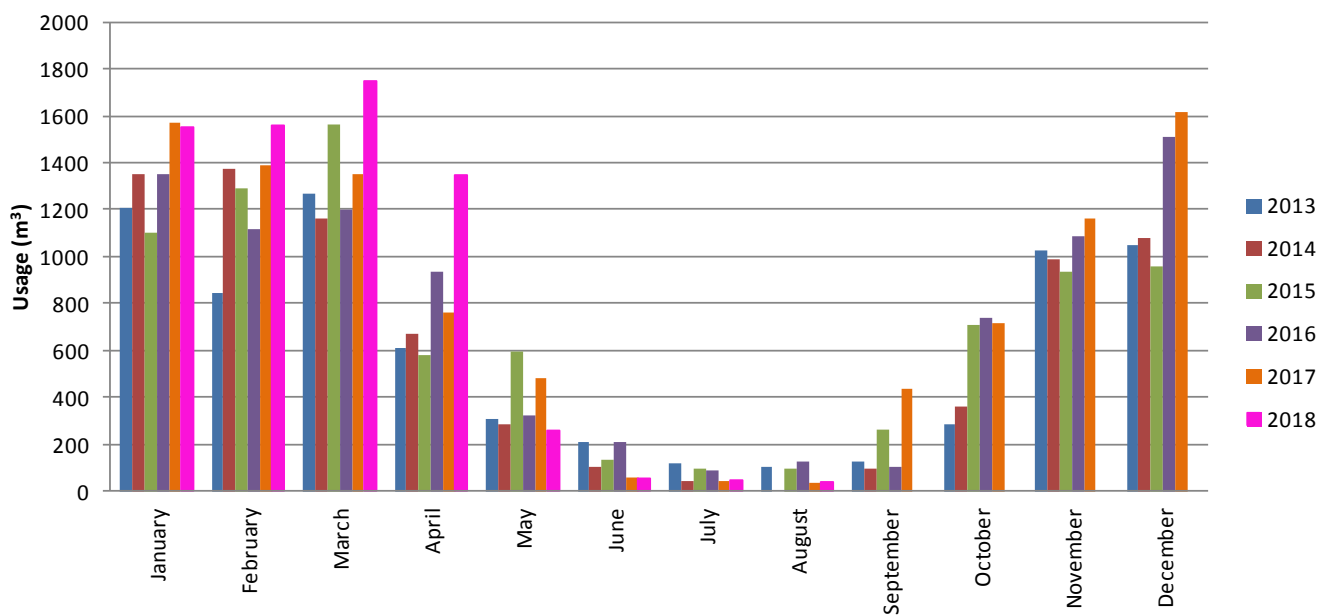


Monthly Electricity Hall usage 2015-2018



For the GAS meter:

Gas for Church and Hall

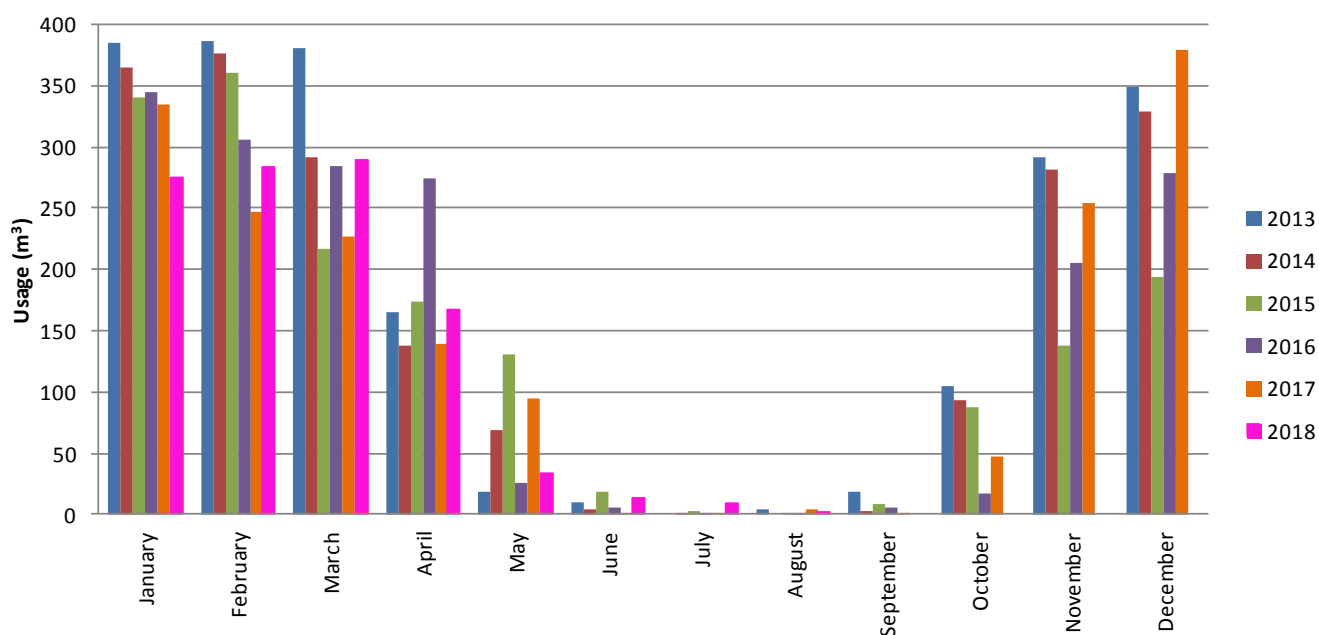


The high consumption of gas for heating the hall and the church in 2018 was mostly due to the very cold weather in March and April. However, the boiler is very old and inefficient. Energy consumption could be reduced by replacing the boiler, as well as replacing the controls with smart programmable controls, that are responsive to room occupancy and external weather conditions, and interlocked to the fans.

It is also recommended that the roof/ceilings have their insulation upgraded to the highest standards.

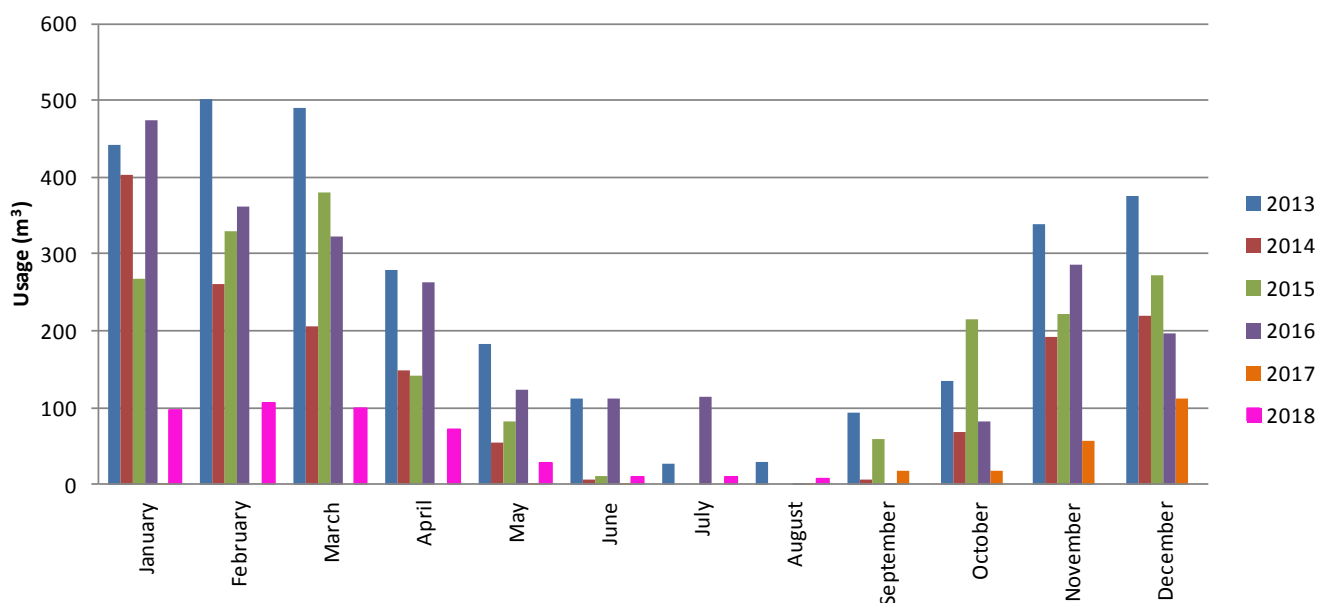
Summer usage of gas is mostly for hot water and cooking.

Gas for Presbytery



Because of the benefits of having Solar Thermal installed on the presbytery, it continues to have almost no gas usage in the Summer months of May to September. November and December 2017 had high usage due to a faulty valve that got fixed when the problem was detected.

Gas usage for 3 Grove Road



The 2018 gas consumption has greatly reduced as only Fr. Andrew's flat uses gas.

Area of Activity – Finance Report - David Wilson

Activity since last PPC meeting

Parish Accounts

The Parish Accounts for the year through to the end of July show a small operating surplus against a forecast annual operating deficit of £3,754 and a forecast overall annual deficit of £42,254.

Gift Aid Tax Rebate Claim

The Gift Aid Tax Rebate Claim for the Financial Year 2017/2018 has been completed and submitted.

Parish Benchmark

The Parish Benchmark report for FY2017 has been received and is being reviewed.

Michaelmas Fair

The Finance Committee have been supporting the Michaelmas Fair Project Team and will be looking after the cash handling arrangements at the Fair itself.

Parish Projects

The Finance Committee continue to support the various ongoing Parish Projects.

Grove Road House Project. All the outstanding “snags” on the Grove Road House Project have now been resolved, the retained sum on the contract has been released and the Contractor’s final bill has been settled.

Organ Replacement. The new/replacement organ has been delivered and installed and the bill has been paid.

Side Chapel. (Trish)

Scout Hut. (Roger)

Area of Activity GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations – Trish Bonnett Sept 2018

Activity since last PPC meeting

GDPR record had some minor changes to implement. DPO was very pleased with our submission and said it was the best he received.

Diocesan privacy policy was updated and a new copy is on noticeboard.

Suggestions for change/improvement/issues to be addressed

Sent request to Fr Tom to get secure RCDOW email addresses for the following

Readers co-ordinator – need to check if necessary

Eucharistic ministers co-ordinator – need to check if necessary

Youth ministry co-ordinator

as all of these communicate with parishioners and hold data on them.

Will do a complete audit on parish database before the Michaelmas Fair so letters can be sent to parishioners who do not attend Mass in that time period.

Objectives completed from last report

Finance Chairman has rcdow address now.

Who

Objectives set

Confirm the RCDOW email addresses are needed and request has been sent

Who

TB/TO

Do audit on parish database.

TB

Area of Activity Inter-Faith Relations Deolinda Eltringham**Activity since last PPC meeting**

The last NHIFF took place last Wednesday evening (27/06/2018), the meeting was dedicated to planning the “Gifting and dedication ceremony” of the NHIFF picnic table to the Quaker’s Peace Garden. The next meeting will be Wednesday 12th September, so there is nothing to report.

The “Peace” picnic table for the Quakers Peace garden was very well received and the gifting ceremony went very well, on what was a very warm sunny day on Sunday 15th July.

The NHIFF promoted an evening of music and an historical multi faith theatre play by the Khayaal Theater Company, on Saturday 7th July from 6pm to 7:30pm at the Wilshire Dacre School, Hitchin. The proceeds raised £500 for the local Foodbank support. For those who attended and watched the plays and the children’s dancing they found it very enjoyable and interesting.

The next **Herts Inter Faith Forum** will be on Tuesday 4th September at Hatfield Fire Station, so no new information is currently available. Where there will be a talk on Religions for Peace by Jehangir Sarosh, and another on Hertfordshire Year of Physical Activities by Matt Hughes-Short.

It has been brought to our attention the following event:

Friday 14 September 2018 - Hertfordshire Sustainable Funding Fair (9.30 am - 2.00 pm)

“This Fair is an ideal way to find out about funding opportunities available to your group or organisation. With practical workshops and advice, networking sessions and an opportunity to speak directly to some of the funders in the county this is an event not to be missed! This year’s theme is Health and Wellbeing, and we are delighted to welcome Jim McManus, Director of Public Health at Hertfordshire County Council as our keynote speaker.”

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hertfordshire-sustainable-funding-fair-2018-tickets-48597411165?aff=erelexpmlt>

Also, grants up to £5000 are available from Hertfordshire Community Foundation, the deadline for completed applications is **14 September 2018**. <http://www.hertscf.org.uk/hcf-large-grants>

Fri 28th September, 18:30 to 21:00 - Caring for our Common Home - Creation Season Interfaith evening at St Mary Moorfields Church, 4/5 Eldon Street, EC2M 7LS a panel of Catholic, Muslim and Buddhist women, though it is in London, this event is open to all interested that can get there.

Wed 14th Nov 2018 – 7:30 pm date of the NHIFF AGM – speaker to be arranged.

Suggestions for change/improvement/issues to be addressed**Objectives set****Who**

DME

Area of Activity Justice & Peace**Activity since last PPC meeting**

Michael and I went to the **ANNUAL JUSTICE & PEACE CONFERENCE in July** – with the theme: ‘**In the Shelter of Each Other the People Live**’ –. The recordings of the talks given are now available on 4 CDs for those that are interested to listen to them, please ask me.

On September the 1st is care of **Creation Day**, and marks the start of Creation season in the

Catholic Church calendar and It is wonderful that our parish is hosting an ecumenical service and will also incorporate this season into our liturgical calendar with 2 faith study group material booklet **“Tenants of the King”** which is designed to be used in ecumenical groups over the 4 weeks of Sept/Oct. Let’s hope it will prove to be successful.

Pope Francis announced that the canonisation of **Archbishop Oscar Romero** will happen in a ceremony in St Peter's Square on the morning of **Sunday 14th October** during the Synod on Young People, which takes place in Rome during that month. Romero, who is described as the first martyr of Vatican II, will be proclaimed a saint *together with Pope Paul VI*, who brought the Second Vatican Council to its conclusion and implemented its reforms. Romero had great affection for Paul VI; and he in turn gave Romero unconditional and uncritical support during very difficult times. See: <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/34984>

The theatre company is no longer doing the play. But meanwhile, a film has been made and is being shown by members of the Romero Trust in the UK, called **“Claim”** about the life of Bl Oscar Romero (it is a poor translation of the original film title). I have provisionally booked with Julian Filochowski the **Friday 26th October** as the date for showing the film in our parish. The Claim is about 75 min long. There is also the possibility to show again an earlier film made after Bl Romero’s death **“Rose in December”** which is 56 min long about the community’s response to the tragic events. *We need to be able to confirm this date soon, or ask/suggest for alternative dates.* This would be cheaper than hosting a theatre company.

Saturday 8th September – Rise for the Climate day of action globally - Pope Francis called for “citizen presence” around the Global Climate Action Summit, an international gathering of climate leaders that will happen in San Francisco, California in a few weeks. The weekend of September 8, “citizen presence” will take the form of tens of thousands of people marching for climate justice. With Pope Francis, we hope that events like these will “promote the culture and practice of an integral ecology.” The nearest events are in Cambridge and London. I attach a summary sheet collected of information for sharing. I am registered to go to Cambridge.

Please could we pray for the additional **climate talks in Bangkok on 3-7 Sept., and COP24 in Katowice, Poland due on 3-14 Dec 2018**. Poland has been one of the slowest countries so far to accept and embrace the need to address the threats of Climate Change, though there very welcome signs of change.

There is also a great need for groups or parishes to volunteer to support refugees to settle in our country. The UK bishops have been appealing for help – can our parish take this step in reaching out to help? <http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/Home/Featured/Community-Sponsorship-Scheme>

The Westminster co-ordinator is John Coleby (020 7931 6077) or caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk

Suggestions for change/improvement/issues to be addressed

Most welcome!

Objectives set	Who
	DME

Liturgy Report Fr Tom O'Brien a.a.

The **New Organ** has been installed and old organ removed. I believe that the Church now reveals its true beauty and celebrating mass is pleasure and an honour. The sound of the new organ is clearer.

We had a **Mission Appeal** on 18/19 August that raised over £1100 for the Camboni Missionaries. Sr Michela who spoke was inspirational.

The **17.00 mass, reintroduced during August** was both well received and well attended.

We had an **Ecumenical Prayer Service for Creation on Saturday 1st September**. Not well attended but **Jane Robson** the minister from Tilehouse St Baptist Church joined us.

John McGuire, chair of CTH attended the 10.30 Mass on 2nd September.

The National Meeting, '**ADOREMUS**' promoting the Eucharist and Eucharistic Adoration takes place in Liverpool this coming weekend, beginning Friday Morning. Frs. Euloge and Tom, Trish, Susana + Teresa will attend.

There will be **Adoration** next Sunday from 12.30 until 16.30.

Bishop Paul will celebrate **Mass at Our Lady School** at 14.00 on **16th September** followed by a picnic.

Since last PPC meeting

Padre Pio Group celebrated an annual Mass on Michael Hills estate 19.00, 4th July. It was well-attended - very good weather. Light supper followed - served by the family.

Our Lady School took the lead at the 10.30 Mass on 8th July. It was followed by our **Parish picnic**. Good Attendance but could have had more people.

In the evening, **Bishop Paul blessed the New Organ** at the 17.00 Mass and **Confirmed our 13 Candidates**; by all accounts, a very good group with year.

Farewell to **Old Organ** at the Prayer Service 18.00, 15th July.

School leavers Mass Our Lady School 14.00, 19th July.

Wedding 4th August: Sinead Kelly and Alex McClement.

Next Meeting: Next Liturgy Meeting 26 th September 19.15 LCR	
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Area of Activity LiveSimply - Ann Milner

Activity since last PPC meeting
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- ★ **One World Group(OWG) Coffee Mornings** held each month on 3rd Sunday. Charities supported since January were Pax Christi, Freedom from Torture, Herts Welcomes Refugees, Emmaus, Living Room, Prisoners of Conscience & Apostleship of Sea.
- ★ **Anti Trump Protest** attended on 13th July. It passed off peacefully.
- ★ **Several GCCM webinars** attended on the topic of Season of Creation. See below under Objectives/Planned Activities for outcomes.
- ★ **Pax Christi Nagasaki Remembrance Day** attended on 9th August.
- ★ **Share the Journey Parish Walk:** A 5 mile walk took place on 23rd July – an extremely hot day! It started and ended at the Orange Tree pub in Hitchin. It was attended by a couple of people from outside the parish as well as parishioners and very ably led by Barbara Goulden.
- ★ **Livesimply Facebook** page continues to provide useful information and discussion opportunities as well as a good opportunity to disseminate relevant petitions etc.
- ★ **Sun Seekers/Youth Ministry Meeting** attended 19th August in order to provide input to the Youth Team on livesimply projects/issues
- ★ **Merging of One World and livesimply Groups:** This is ongoing. We had an enjoyable Summer Outing comprising a river cruise in Bedford followed by visits to the John Bunyan & Panacea Museums.
- ★ **Recycling Bottletops into Toiletries:** For some time now the parish has been collecting plastic bottletops & a member of the livesimply team has been bringing them to Lush Cosmetics in Luton. Lush was approached for a donation for the Michaelmas Fair but company policy was such that they could not give products to be sold or used in any way to raise funds even for good causes. However they said they were willing to donate products that were over 5 months old but still well within use by date as long as they were not ruffled/sold etc. Therefore a large box of shampoo/soap etc was collected recently from **Lush** and given to the **Foodbank**.
- ★ **Michaelmas Fair:** Funding for various aspects (eg Raffle Ticket printing, Brochure printing) has been extremely successful. Items for sale have started to be donated.
- ★ **Livesimply tips:** Monthly Tips have been collected for all months up to the end of the year and sent to Cheryl for publishing in the Newsletter.
- ★ **Parish Display Board:** Design of artwork started.

Suggestions for change/improvement/issues to be addressed

Reaching Out to local 'Eco' Groups: TBC

Parish Garden: more wild flower areas to be planted & noticeboard to be created

Objectives set/Planned Activities	Who
Finish artwork for display board	AMM
Contribute livesimply tips for 2019	LS Team
Carry out a review of livesimply team activities and objectives	LS Team
Livesimply Certificate to be presented to the parish at each Mass during the weekend of 15 th /16 th September	LS Team
Attend the next series of Ethics and Action webinars starting September 5 th .	AMM
Season of Creation Walk being organised to take place on Saturday 29 th September.	LS Team
Laudato Si Retreat: This has been devised by the GCCM and was being promoted as a Season of Creation event. However the parish is already organising several events for this season so it was decided to do it in October as a follow-on. To this end a member of the livesimply team will be attending the Adoremus Symposium Day on 7 th September. The retreat could also be linked to One World Week which takes place from 22 nd to 29 th October.	AMM
Leading on from the retreat, a series of sessions for Advent are being planned using the Global Healing material produced by CaFE which aims to inform, challenge and equip people to engage with Pope Francis' vital call to Care For Our Common Home.	AMM

Peace Poppies Collateral Damage Project: This is a project to commemorate the civilian casualties of war which, these days, number over 90% of war casualties. It entails making white poppies by hand either for wearing on Remembrance Sunday or to be sent for inclusion with a large national installation or to be sent to someone such as an MP. A poppy-making workshop is being planned.	LS Team
Next Meetings: Next Is/OWG meeting to be 1 st October, our AGM will be 12 th November with Ellen Teague as guest speaker.	LS Team

Area of Activity Maintenance John Scott	
Activity since last PPC meeting	
<p>Summary Credit - as always - to all volunteers.</p> <p>Family Chamberlain in particular - virtually camped-out onsite ...</p> <p>Activity since report of July 2018</p> <p>0008_1/ kitchen smoke alarm pipping & driving Cheryl nuts (JVC) 0008_1/ mended the Missals of Frs. A and E. (JVC) 0008_1/ Remove broken key from one Fr A's window locks (JVC) 0008_1/ Bulb in SH toilet (pliers reqd to remove old bulb) (JVC) 0008_1/ All bits of old wall mounted soap dispensers removed from Hall toilets, walls made good and repainted. Six New wall mounted soap dispensers installed (ladies x3, gents x2, disabled x1) (JVC) 0008_1/ Cleared BOTH gutters/gulley over Sanctuary (JS,JVC,ME) 0008_1/ Skylight windows over Bereavement and Childrens' library cleaned (JVC) 0008_1/ More paint touching up done in Fr M's flat – more to do! (JVC) 0008_1/ Sorted out Fr M's kettle filter (JVC) 0008_1/ Repaired Fr M's laptop (JVC) 0008_1/ Repaired Fr M's leaking bathroom sink plug (JVC) 0008_1/ Reset Fr M's alarm clock (JVC) 0008_1/ Replaced clothes airer in Fr. A's flat with new one (JVC) 0008_1/ Retuned both TVs in CH (JVC) 0008_1/ New 'over the sink' c'bd in Servers' room (JVC) 0008_1/ Various key-cutting tasks for Cheryl (JVC) 2108_1/ Make new cables for altar microphones. (ME) 1808_1/ Bethany req: hall back-door threshold for improved access (JS) 1808_2/ make compost containers from organ scrap (JS&PJ) 1108_1/ old organ out (JVC,PJ,JS,ME,DaveW,Frances,Rodney,TimMitchell,PeterRock) 0908_1/ failing flexible on basin1 in ladies loo (JS) 0608_1/ light outside the loos in the hall replace bulb (ME) 3007_1/ BridgeClub: hall WiFi problem FALSE ALARM (JVC) 1407_1/ Bethany: hot water multipoint problem FALSE ALARM (JS) 1407_2/ Bethany: microphone fix (ME) 1307_4/ hall kitchen hot tap washer (ME) 1307_3/ replace weeping stopcock in boiler room (JS&ME) 1307_2/ protect incoming hall water pipe from ToddlerToys (JS) 1307_1/ hall->hut pipe enclosure - broken by Colin's backside (JS) 1207_1/ busted yellow hoover (jvc) 1207_2/ New Organ power supply cables. (ME) 0507_1/ re-stick lifting lino Fr.M's bathroom floor (JVC) 2306_1/ ID and fix leak from urinals (JVC)</p>	
Suggestions for change/improvement/issues to be addressed	
<p>Outstanding Maintenance Snags 0/ LED flood light over the front steps to the church (js/OliverRussell) I've asked Oliver several times - I'm just going to replace it</p>	



0/ Provide even more information for a now disputed meter reading from the meter which was removed as part of the solar panel and CH works last June.
(Verbal resolution - credit to Mike - waiting confirmation)

0/ get quote for new choir fuse box.

0/ arrange to monitor electricity by phase usage for church supply.

Objectives set	Who

Area of Activity Outreach – Trish Bonnett 3rd September 2018

Activity since last PPC meeting

Outreach

- Continuing to supporting a number of teachers from the school.
- Visits to Margaret Connolly in Garden City Court. Letchworth are taking her communion but so will anyone from the parish who visits
- Was successful with the support for Brenda Walsh.
- Supported Elizabeth and Graham Dann during his recent admissions to hospital and also Linda Budd. Took the opportunity to spend some time with the hospital chaplains.
- Visited John Murfet on 30th August with Susanna
- Supporting homeless gentleman in London who will bring his artwork to our Michaelmas Fair.
- Successful parish picnic.

Proclaim 15 projects

- Workshop delivered in our parish by Adrian Cullen, only our parishioners attended. It was quite helpful.

Liturgy

- Old organ is now removed. Grateful thanks to all the team who were involved with this and particularly to John and Frances Chamberlain who have done so much work since to move things around.
- Prepared benediction services on third Sundays of the month.
- Prepared Creation Service for 1st September. Grateful thanks to Deolinda for all the material she has sent.

Other support

- **Side Chapel project** awaiting response from structural engineers re some queries and then can complete proposal for diocese
- Supported **St Pio Mass** at Mr Hill's. Cooked supper.
- **Invigilated** an exam for Fr Euloge which he passed!
- **Michaelmas Fair October 6th** – supporting all the advertising for this event.

Suggestions for change/improvement/issues to be addressed

Need to look at visitors group for those who are lonely – not just about taking communion. Mary Hollingdale has taken some interest in this so will be discussing this with her in the future.

Objectives completed from last report	Who
None but will keep working on this!	
Objectives set	Who
Find a new co-ordinator for the readers rota	TB
Set up a robust visitors group	TB/MH
Submit side chapel proposal to Diocese	TB/JC/JS/DW

Area of Activity

Sacramental Preparation – Susanna Hawksley

Activity since last PPC meeting

Baptism

A baptism course ran in early August, with three couples attending. I am putting up a sign up sheet for interest, and will run courses when we have a 'quorum'.

First Holy Communion

The dates for the programme for next year are now available on the parish website, should anyone ask you, as is the application form. There are hard copy forms available in the porch. The course has been advertised over the summer and is now getting the 'hard sell' in the newsletter, each week. I am rather hoping that we don't have the same situation as last year when I thought we had 21 families at the start of the course and it escalated over a period of weeks to 35!

Marriage

We have a marriage course running in November, run by Jonathan and Lucy Bonnett.

RCIA

I have been advertising the 'Come and See' evening for a few weeks now. If you know anyone who you think might like to enquire about the RCIA process, give them a nudge. Details in the newsletter.

Confirmation

The catechists for Confirmation and RCIA are coming to me for a meal and conversation, this Thursday evening. I'm sure we'll devote some of the evening to talking about the course and the coming year.

The feedback for the new course has been overwhelmingly good and so I will run it again – and hope it suits the next group just as well! We will tweak it where necessary but it seemed to be a very good fit for the young people.

Suggestions for change/improvement/issues to be addressed

I have asked for the purchase of a DVD 'Catholicism' by Bishop Robert Barron, for use in the parish. RCIA is, necessarily, for those seeking preparation for sacraments and so not really suitable for the parish in general. I sense that there is a thirst for exploring our faith and am going to offer some sessions, using these DVDs. I didn't buy them when the diocese was gung ho for everyone to have them... I waited and got 60% off!

Objectives set	Who

Area of Activity Safeguarding – Trish Bonnett September 2018**Activity since last PPC meeting**

Maria and I have met and discussed a plan for the future. We have sent reminders to all people who still need to do the diocesan paperwork.
The paperwork has changed somewhat because of GDPR so may have to send it out again.

Suggestions for change/improvement/issues to be addressed

The next thing to do is to renew the DBS check for all people who had it done over three years ago. We will be tackling this soon.

Objectives completed from last report**Who**

All paperwork chased for the current round of DBS checks.

TB/MG

Objectives set**Who**

Initiate checks on those who have joined the children's liturgy team.

TB/MG

Complete a letter to send out to renewals with paperwork. Can start this when Maria receives her log on to the DBS system.

TB / MG

Area of Activity YOUTH**Activity since last PPC meeting**

There have been no events for children and young adults organised by our Youth Ministry team since last PPC meeting. The team decided to revitalise activities after the summer.

Son Seekers team met on 19th of August 2018 to discuss and plan a programme for a further mission. The meeting, which had a form of BBQ, was hosted by Trish and Tim Bonnett and chaired by Helen Bailey with an assistance of her daughter Hannah Bailey. 20 people from our parish attended the BBQ, those who are already involved and those who wish to join and help the Youth team, including Fr Michal, Fr Tom and Sister Michaela who visited our parish on that day.

Helen Bailey and Hannah Bailey were very inspirational with the prepared ideas and suggestions for Son Seekers mission further development.

The new volunteers and children and young adults, who also attended the BBQ, actively participated in the meeting by sharing their views and ideas.

It was a successful and truly fruitful gathering, in really lovely environment and atmosphere (a huge 'thank you' to Trish and Tim for organising it).

The Youth Ministry team and the volunteers decided to split into groups in order to support Youth events and activities for children and young adults in our parish.

The key points for Youth mission agreed during the meeting:

1. Son Seekers aiming at children 0-11 yrs old is now well established – to continue this mission by running events the same way as so far.

The next event is The Harvest Fun Day on Sunday 23rd of September.

2. Elders 11plus – a new group established – for these young adults it has been suggested to open discussion groups, going out for fun events, etc.

3. To bring every generation together – young to experienced. This idea is to use the groups we have in the parish to mix and match everyone's interests and passions e.g. toddler group and Bethany Club, Son Seekers and Bethany Club, Live simply and teenagers who are passionate about creation and the environment etc. etc.

4. Well-being - many teenagers would like the opportunity to discover other avenues e.g. environment, the elderly, faith, politics, well-being, mental health issues, discussion groups and all these could be done within the parish community and not only help the teenagers themselves, but the whole community. We can learn from each other.

Suggestions for change/improvement/issues to be addressed

1. Create an online Questionnaire for parents and young people to find out what they want to discuss and do.
2. Have an initial meeting away from church and the hall e.g. St George's playing field. Get young people together to create a discussion group on what their interests are e.g. environment, wellbeing, mental health etc.
3. Hold events and/or discussion groups on Justice & Peace – the Environment with the help of games from CAFOD
4. Use groups, contacts and organisations in the parish and in the catholic and Christian community who could help all our young people and get involved with them.

Objectives set

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