

## Action Minutes-PPC Meeting 17.01.2022

### Present:

Fr Francis Antwi-Darkwah	Christine Lambert, Chair	Martha Moroney-Lewis
Teresa Clarke	Mark James	
Deacon Justin Cross	Maureen Kelly, Secretary	Eamon Rafferty
	Elizabeth Lizzio, Vice-Chair	Emma Smith
Peter Godwin	John Lambert	

### Apologies

Paul O Connor	Natalie Carolan	Jackie Tominey
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1	<p><b>Actions from Minutes of 15 December 2021 &amp; Sept 2021</b></p> <p>1.1 <b>Children's Liturgy Update:</b>            Reverend Justin updated including key points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In the last two months our Parish focus had been on communicating understanding and giving opportunity to all parishioners of input under the Synodal Pathway on which our parish report to the diocese was based.</li> <li>2. Jenny Barnes the new parish administrator joined 1 December 2021 and has been settling in to her role. She would be involved in planning the Liturgy rotas going forward.</li> <li>3. Although there are some candidates to be approached as catechists, the timing of reintroduction of the Children's Liturgy needs consideration in view of the pandemic and lifting of restrictions permitting young children to gather in groups.</li> </ol>
1.2	<p><b>Volunteers for St Barts Diamond Jubilee Sub-Committee:</b>            Christine confirmed :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An initial 7 core members for the Working Group had volunteered and Natalie Carolan would be invited to join too. These were: Fr Francis Antwi-Darkwah, Deacon Paul O'Connor, PPC Chair, Peter Godwin, Jackie Harrison, Maureen Kelly and Jackie Tominey. Several other parishioners will be approached to join to involve a range of ages and experience of such events.</li> <li>2. The first planning meeting of the group to take place on Saturday 26 January at 10.00 hrs for coffee, meeting at 10.30 hrs.</li> </ol>
2	<p><b>Synodal Pathway Report Status and proposed next steps</b></p> <p>The report and key returns were shared prior to the meeting. These will be discussed at the PPC 26<sup>th</sup> March Awayday.</p> <p>Thanks were given to Teresa Clarke for all of her efforts and delivery of the detailed collated Parish report under this initiative.</p>

	<p>Actions proposed at a Parish level will follow the Diocesan steer/perspective after the meeting being held on 19 February at Westminster for clergy and parish pathway leads to hear the overall Diocesan outcome. The PPC hope to consider proposed actions at the 26 March 2022 Awayday.</p> <p>A number of ideas were suggested as to how the report could be communicated to our parishioners following the PPC Awayday on 26 March 2022.</p>
3	<p><b>F2F “Awayday for PPC”:</b></p> <p>The Chair introduced an outline of important topics to discuss at the Away Day which included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To reflect and discuss as a group what the PPC should aim to achieve in the next 12 months and any foundations to lay down for the next 2-3 years</li> <li>2. Key points from the Synodal Pathway (after benefit of the Diocesan level February meetings) and overlaps with Parish survey returns to agree actions to incorporate into plans to deliver our Mission</li> <li>3. To share the planning for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St Bart’s on 29 May</li> <li>4. All to understand our parish financial position better</li> </ol> <p><b>Action:</b>  <b>26 March 2022 in the Parish Hall was agreed at 11.00 hrs. Coffee from 10.30 hrs and lunch to follow. All available members of the PPC to attend. There will be some planning in advance.</b></p>
4	<p><b>Upcoming Events on PPC Plan 2022 and any support required</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peter shared an update on planned spirituality group services and activities prior to the meeting. These included: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 02.02 Feast of the Presentation when there will be mass at 19.00 when it is hoped to have a candlelit procession and voices joining Peter on the organ.</li> <li>2. Valentine prayer card/theme of Love</li> <li>3. Joining with St Alban and St Stephen Walsingham Pilgrimage</li> <li>4. Corpus Christi procession</li> <li>5. Spirituality services and activities postings on the Parish website</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Social Justice Fairtrade lunch agreed for 6<sup>th</sup> March</li> <li>• All 4 South St Albans Churches are participating in Christian Unity Week on Sunday 23 January. 2 parishioners of St. Barts will be joining at St Stephens and the Reverend Becky Leach will join at St Bart’s for an exchange of candles</li> </ul> <p><b>Post meeting: Suggested next cakebake-Lenten Laetare Sunday 27 March 2022</b></p>
5	<p><b>Maintenance</b></p> <p>John Lambert delivers update which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No current major project to report on and small matters around the church are being addressed.</li> <li>• The stand for the credit card machine at the church entrance is in place and card donations are beginning to be made.</li> <li>• The maintenance team supported Sinead and her Flowers’ team in the impressive Christmas decoration of the Church.</li> </ul>

6	<p><b>Any Other business</b></p> <p><b>1.Music at our weekend masses-</b></p> <p>Peter Godwin delivered a short update which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congregational singing is now being encouraged at all our weekend masses</li> <li>• The organist will add the announcement for the music applying for the mass to the readers' sheet for inclusion in the announcement given immediately before the start of each weekend mass</li> <li>• It is expected that the using of hymn books by the congregation can be reintroduced at the beginning of Lent. Until then we will use hymns from the missalette and from the first hymns' sheet issued to the congregation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action: Maureen will request further copies of this sheet to be printed and available for those attending our masses.</b></p> <p>As the hymn books are now stored in a different area of the church entrance which is, not so immediately accessible, a discussion on the potential issue of distribution and collection resulted in several suggestions :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Place them behind the back pews in the main body of the church.</li> <li>2. Place them at the end of the pews (Eamon placing out at 18:00 and Peter returning at 10.30 masses).</li> <li>3. The hymn books are collected and returned by parishioners from where the current hymn book cupboards have been placed. Newsletter messaging reinforced by our Welcomers (Sunday masses only) will embed this arrangement.</li> </ol> <p>The arrangement to apply will be decided and in place for the beginning of Lent when hymnbooks will be back in use.</p> <p><b>2. Refugees at The Noke</b></p> <p>Teresa and Mark will be attending a meeting soon to discuss arrangements for refugee groups to meet together for sessions to help develop English language skills in a welcoming setting. These sessions could be in the URC and St Barts Hall or at The Noke Hotel.</p> <p><b>3. Family Fast Day</b> will be on the 11 March 2022</p>
	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting – Mon 15/2/22 via Zoom at 19:30</b></p>

- **Revised 2022 PPC Meeting Dates: Sat 26/3 (face to face), Mon 11/4, Tues 17/5, Wed 15/6, Mon18/7, Tues 13/9, Wed 12/10, Mon 14/11,Tues 13/12**