

PPC Action Minutes 13.09.2022

Present:

Emma Ahern	Maureen Kelly, Secretary	
Teresa Clarke	Elizabeth Lizzio, Vice-Chair	
Peter Godwin	John Lambert	
Christine Lambert, Chair	Martha Moroney-Lewis	
Mark James	Eamon Rafferty	

Apologies

Fr Francis Antwi-Darkwah	Eamon Rafferty	Jackie Tominey

1	<p>Actions from Minutes of 15 June 2022</p> <p>1.1 Return of the Children's Liturgy Two parishioners have now indicated an interest as children liturgy catechists. A core team of three catechists will be needed to reintroduce our childrens' liturgy. Details of the programme and the commitment involved will be shared and support given.</p> <p>Messaging to encourage others to come forward will continue.</p> <p>Action: <i>Chair to issue letter to parents of the First Holy Communion group, if needed. Martha and Emma will take forward messaging through St Adrians.</i></p> <p>1.2 Catechists for Sacramental Programmes 2022/23- The chairman confirmed that the below parishioners have agreed to be lead catechists: First Holy Communion – Bernadette O'Shea Confirmation – Sinead Hughes Baptism – Stephen and Louise Mears</p> <p>1.3 Young Children's books During Our Weekend Masses – The Childrens' liturgical books are understood to be currently stored in the confessional. It was agreed that these books should be made available again for our young people attending our weekend masses as soon as possible.</p> <p>Action: <i>The Chair will action the books to be restored to be available at the back of the church</i></p> <p>1.4 Encouragement of New Members for Our Parish Groups – Following discussion, it was agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To issue and/or display information extracts at the front of the church of the work of our key groups2. To invite speakers for our 3 key groups: SVP, CWL and Knights of Columba to mention the work and purpose of their groups at our weekend masses
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	<p>Actions: Peter will speak for the Knights of Columba. Christine will speak with Maureen Anderson for CWL Maureen Kelly will lead on issuing and display of information extracts</p>
1A	<p>Priority Groups Update-</p> <p>Updates for Building Community, Spirituality and Youth had been shared prior to the meeting (SEE ATTACHED).</p> <p>Additional information for St Adrian's Lead on 16.10.22- (SEE2 . BELOW)</p> <p>Building Community-Next Cakebake Event- Following mention in the prior shared update, it was agreed that the local REMAP charity which provides adjusted practical daily aids which make a real difference when such items cannot be purchased through established outlets. Because of the appeals for funds which have already been made this year to our parishioners and with the increased cost of living to all parishioners, this cakebake will be held until February 2023 (not November 2022).</p> <p>Ecumenical: Teresa Clarke's update included the below key points of Churches Together in St Albans:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prayer Walk 18 September from 2pm at SS Alban & Stephen. Poster will be put in the church and a note in the newsletter. 2. Autumn Forum – Live Simply 26 October, 8-9.30 on Zoom. Meeting ID 82372331756, passcode 680494 3. Prayer for Churches in St Albans Rota Teresa will send this rota to Dawn Pace to include praying for a different church in the bidding prayers each week. <p>Social Justice: Mark James informed that the next key event would be Family Fast Day on 07.10.22. He needs helpers to distribute prayer cards and envelopes the week before. He also needs collectors for 18:00 and 08:30 masses on the weekend of Sat 8 and Sunday 9th October.</p> <p>Action: Any member of the PPC who could help to let Mark know as soon as possible</p>
2	<p>Update on Parish Events held (plus any learnings) and being planned-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Anniversary Event 16.10 with St Adrian's School-See Youth Group update for outline of the event. Additional information given included that Canon Plourde will lead the procession and the 10.30 mass for this occasion, the Headteacher of St Adrian's would issue notice of the procession and ask for confirming RSVP for families who would be attending. The Chairman confirmed the overall budget would be up to £300. Tea/coffee as usual after 10.30 hrs mass. No return to school. 2) Feast of St Bartholomew 28/8 – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Prayer cards were made available for all and parishioners encouraged to

	<p>b. join with the novena.</p> <p>3) Cake-Bake on 14/8 – Funds raised for key interior elements of St Boniface Church in Ghana-See Building Community update.</p> <p>4) Flower Fund and Flower Festival Update-A very happy afternoon with impressive floral arrangements, jolly tea, background accompaniment of harp and violin which raised £1500:00. The funds raised will go towards funding of our church flowers, St Boniface church project and 2023HCPT pilgrimage.</p> <p>The Chairman informed the Council that Parish Finance Committee was considering a proposal for managing the church flowers budget suggesting a 6 month trial of the suggested process for 6 months from 01/09/22.</p>
3	<p>Planning Quarter 4 2022 and into 2023-</p> <p>4.1 Synodal Pathway- Teresa Clarke updated that a Diocese release of an information resource was the next step for parishes under the Synodal Pathway. This resource was entitled <i>The journey we share and comprised of</i> 5 sessions exploring the emerging themes of the Synodal pathway. At this stage Teresa has ordered 1 copy to be available for As we do not yet know the content and its suitability.</p> <p>4.2 Advent/Christmas 2022- Building on from initiatives which had worked well last year, it was agreed that , subject to Fr Francis's agreement, our liturgical focus for this period of the Churches' year could include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opportunity to all to participate in Advent Ecumenical groups 2. Opportunity for our young people to participate in a Christingle Service 3. A Candlemas Service <p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Advent Ecumenical Groups arrangements for St Barts parishioners led by our Ecumenical Group</i> 2. <i>Christingle Service arrangements led by our Youth Group</i> 3. <i>Candlemas Service arrangements led by our Spirituality Group and Fr Francis</i> <p>4.3 Social Justice – There was discussion on any action St Barts could take to help parishioners with the impact of the cost of living on our parishioners which is hitting us all now. This led to considering a simple parish Harvest festival on the weekend of the 22 and 23.10 where families bring an item. This may be able to link with the St Adrian's Harvest festival being held on Thursday 20.10. This would be subject to Fr Francis' approval of the liturgy for that date.</p> <p>The discussion then moved to a longer term support by the provision of a food and toiletries box in the Church porch which should be available both for immediate parishioners and to help others locally. It was suggested that the Sopwell Community Foodbank was the channel to help people locally.</p> <p>Actions: <i>Need Fr Francis's approval re Harvest Festival on 22- 23 October. Await his feedback from these Minutes and follow up in early October 2022 with him if no feedback.</i> <i>(These actions, relating to the foodbox in St Bart's were agreed post meeting):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mark James would lead on setting up arrangement with Sopwell Community Foodbank (liaising with Jackie Tominey)</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Lizzie Lizzio and Maureen Kelly would lead on messaging (including items encouraged to be donated) and labelling to immediate parishioners</i>
4	<p>Asylum Seekers - update and next steps</p> <p>Teresa Clarke 's update included the key points below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The conversation group started in February at Greenwood URC, and the St Barts group started in April. Our work has developed into sourcing bikes, bike training, Daisy Cooper's support for asylum applications, finding Legal Aid solicitors, supporting the asylum seekers to enrol at Oaklands for ESOL courses, queries with bus passes, football training, a multicultural meal that they prepared and much more! We have good links with the Cathedral conversation group. The St Albans Masorti Synagogue will prepare a meal for them in November, and the asylum seekers will help with the Mitzvah community volunteering day. The Cathedral is holding an exhibition in January called "In a Strange Land", telling stories from asylum seekers and taking their photographs. 2. Teresa is speaking at the Westminster Social Justice and Peace Forum on 17 September explaining our work with asylum seekers in St Albans. The zoom link is https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87264523190?pwd=Rm1wVFZhQkgYVzI0bHVUWUwTB3RlDBDZz09 Meeting ID: 872 6452 319 Passcode: 734731 3. There are now 150 asylum seekers residing at The Noke. 4. One of the successes in supporting the asylum seekers has been the bicycle recycling initiative. The Harpenden recycling centre is currently selling bikes for £20-30. <p>Agreed :PPC would support an application to the Parish Finance Committee for £200 for the purpose of purchase of further bicycles. Chair to speak to Fr Francis and Finance.</p> <p>Action: <i>Emma will make inquiry with Garston recycling centre as to their process for passing on bicycles.</i></p>
5	<p>Maintenance Team Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Replacement fencing and gate installation in Fr Francis' Garden and installation of a fire safety door in the hall kitchen were now completed. 2. A request for a baby change facility in the cloakroom in the church porch was being considered. 3. An offer has been made to donate a Bench for placing outside the front of the church (near the railings). The response voiced by those present was of concern that this may become a generally used bench for congregating rather than for the benefit of parishioners. Further, if the PPC at the October meeting agree to proceed with the prayer garden proposal and the proposal is then supported by the Parish, would the donor agree to bench being placed within the prayer garden?
6	<p>Parish Communications Support</p> <p>We thank Natalie Carolan for her strong support of St Barts Communications over the past 18 months. Natalie set up our Facebook page as well as designed many posters and comms for us so really has helped to raise awareness of the new PPC. She is now based in Hitchin and we wish her every success and happiness for the future and look forward to seeing her at St Barts from time to time.</p> <p>We welcome Nick Dodd on to the PPC to support us on Communications across St Barts. Nick stepped forward and worked with us on our 60th Anniversary comms. The family also has close links to St Adrian's school with two young children.</p>

7	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Chairman informed that our Finance Committee is considering a request for a 'pizza van service' to be based in the car park on a trial period as one source of generating income for the Parish. 2. This Sunday at St Barts the 10.30 mass will be a Requiem Mass for Her Majesty the Queen 3. Peter Godwin raised the need for 100 further additional Laudate hymn books so the congregation all have an updated copy where hymns are all found under the same number. The expected cost was @ £600. Action: The Chair will refer this to Fr Francis on his return in Mid-October 4. Peter Godwin raised the need for replacement of the Parish office photocopier. Action: The Chair will refer this to Fr Francis on his return in Mid-October 5. Mark James suggested that spring bulbs could be scattered through the gardens Mark & John to take forward.
8	<p>Date of Next Meeting – now Tues 18/10 to include Fr Francis F2F in Parish Hall at 20.00 hrs. There is a specific focus and debate on the concept of a parish prayer garden and the Chair requested the information related to this to be circulated in advance so all have a chance to consider options and location and costs, timing etc and if we are prepared to share with parish</p>

2022 PPC Meeting Dates: Wed 18/10 20:00 in person (revised date), Mon 14/11, Tues 13/12