

## **Groups Planning 2023-PPC November 22 Meeting**

### **Building Community:**

At this stage there are just three focus points for the Group for 2023:

1. Continuing the cakebake events which give opportunity for parishioners to meet together and raise money for an identified charity/cause. Cakebakes have become an established feature and feedback is that parishioners want them to be continued. Prior messaging through newsletter and in person mentions at our weekend masses has encouraged good attendance at these events. We have increasingly provided informative and theme linked displays at the cakebakes and last time included a children's' colouring activity which have been well received. We thank members of the PPC and their spouses/partners for support on the day of the cakebakes and hope this can continue for 2023. We would propose at this time three cakebakes across the year in February(12.02), August (13/08 as the weekend of the Assumption) and November (19.11) . The PPC in September confirmed support for the Remap charity being the focus of the February cakebake.
2. To update the Welcome Booklet by end of February 2023
3. It is suggested that there is a return of the new parishioners lunch event. Previously, invitation was given to all of those joining the Parish within the last two years to join for a simple lunch from 11.30 on a Sunday as opportunity to meet together with each other. Depending on the numbers joining the Parish this could be an event for those new to the Parish over the previous 12 or 24 months.

### **Ecumensim:**

1. **December 2022** – Sending Christmas cards to Mount Prison
2. **Christian Unity Week 8-25 January 2023** – Christian Unity Service hosted by St Barts. Offer St Barts Hall for an afternoon in Christian Unity Week? Invite South St Albans Churches.
3. **Candlemas 2 February**– Swop candles as last year with South St Albans Churches.
4. **Good Friday Walk of Witness 7 April** – with South St Albans Churches
5. **Unity at the Cross 7 April** – at St Albans Cathedral on Good Friday evening. Organised by a different Christian church each year.
6. **Adopt a Plant** – April/May 2023. Any proceeds to Earthworks which supports adults with learning difficulties. We can also ask for more low maintenance plants for Fr Francis' garden and the parish gardens. Teresa to ask parishioners to split perennials via the newsletter.
7. **Churches Together in St Albans** – promote the activities more widely. Pray for a different church each weekend.
8. **Alban Pilgrimage 24 June** –Join other Christians to walk from St Peter's St to the Cathedral. Peter produced a banner for St Barts last year.
9. **CTSA Summer Forum: What Youth think 27 June** – 8pm on Zoom.
10. **CTSA Prayer Walk in September** – Walking around various churches in St Albans, praying at each church, and ending at the cathedral for a prayer by the shrine of St Alban and Evensong.
11. **Climate Change activities** – Support the climate change activities organised by St Stephens and Greenwood URC.

**Spirituality:**

1. O Antiphons during the Advent into Sunday Masses
2. Pilgrimage style visit to St Albans Cathedral Tuesday 10 Jan 7.15 -9.15 has been booked £10 per person for group of up to 20 and will be advertised soon.
3. Candlemas or Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Tuesday 2 Feb. 7.00 to similar format as last year plus refreshments afterwards if possible.
4. June : St Alban's day. Novena and parish group with our St Barts banner to join in the procession and celebrations at St Albans Cathedral.
5. Day of Recollection or Retreat : we did not think it practicable to try to do this for Advent 2022. We are very much in favour but the planning needs to be thorough so it's Advent 2023 or some other time in 2023.

nb: More may be added after the group meeting next Sunday

**Youth:**

At this stage there are just two focus points for the Group for 2023:

1. To continue practical support for the restored Children's Liturgy which is still at early stages of embedding

To continue, with the support and agreement of Aideen Porter, a number of Sunday masses across the year (2 or 2) where the St Adrians' children take active involvement. Discussion with Aideen needed to take forward.