Chapel Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 25th July 2024

Minutes

1.) Opening prayer - Barbara read the Romero prayer. Father Gerry suggested in future someone could choose and read a scripture reading.

2.) Apologies for absence received from Peter Barnes and Anne Lomas

Present: Fr Gerry, Don Lavery, Anne Parker, Lucia McLean, Sue Thornhill, Barbara Hindley, Frank Frost, Pat Dawson, Jacqui Lavery Joan Matthews.

3.) Minutes of the last meeting were approved and will be put on the website and a hard copy on the noticeboard at Church.

Matters arising
Meeting for eucharistic ministers Wednesday 9th October after Mass.
Anne Parker to be commissioned as new Eucharistic Minister on Saturday.
Too little space for full disabled toilet but will go ahead and fit one with grab rail, Don to look into this.
13 blown window glazing units in house replaced.
Frank and Sheila attended the week of guided prayer.
Fr Gerry expressed thanks for his 50th Anniversary celebrations.
Taize service went well with 23 attending and input from different churches, thanks to Pat, Barbara and Joan.
Father will deal with new Lectionaries and Missals in September.
Cleaner not yet approached regarding work duties etc. Anne Parker will do this.
Sue and Joan have looked into use of screen instead of hymn books. Both Hazel Grove and Hayfield churches have been visited. They are very enthusiastic and use their screen systems extensively in the churches, Sue expressed doubt that we would use it to this extent. Joan will speak in mid September at the end of Mass to explain the use of the screen and assess if members of the congregation would be interested in helping with its operation.

4.) The Synodal Listening Project – all agreed that we had made good progress. Points raised include: everyone to be welcoming in church; activities such as healing service, harvest supper, film nights, monthly lunch group; Cat now has DBS; day of prayer in Buxton and visit from Rachael as safeguarding coordinator; celebration of Don's 7th anniversary as Deacon and George to help with practical issues; churches together - harvest supper, taize and warm space. Still need to: update parish records, liaise with Margaret at Buxton and
improve access to church for prayer, Don will open church on Wednesday and Saturday and Frank has volunteered to open church on 2 mornings.

5.) Progress regarding Tideswell Church – the building is now empty however, the new manager of properties for the diocese says that at a meeting in March it was decided to obtain planning permission and sell the building for conversion to holiday accommodation. This needs to be clarified as it is not our understanding.

6.) Finance – reconciled fund amount as at 30/06/2024

Current account	3943.80
Set off account	14,527.50
Housekeeping float	50.00
Total Funds	£18,521.30

Recent costs include £1200 for glazing units, £270 electrical work to bathroom light. Also projected costs for fire door between meeting room and rest of house, new light fittings in meeting room and elsewhere and catch up payments due to change of electricity supplier. Ukrainian funding has increased to £700 per month. We agreed that we preferred a simplified financial summary in the minutes. A more detailed paper copy of the account figures is available at the back of church with the copy of the minutes.

7.) Safeguarding – all volunteers in a DBS role are now required to complete Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) training. This is available to complete online individually, and Sue has sent a link to those people involved.

8.) Churches together – we are hosting a harvest supper on the 28th September. The parish will give Pat money to buy sandwiches and we will be asking for donations of cake and help, to be discussed at a meeting in mid September.

9.) Healing Service – this will be discussed at the next meeting.

10.) Walsingham Pilgrimage – 23 people have expressed interest for this on 20-22nd May 2025. The fund currently holds £367 including £312 from the Easter egg raffle

11.) Any other business – a meeting for readers is planned with Damien Norton on the evening of the 17th October.

12.) Date of next meeting – 3rd October at 2 p.m.