

Chapel Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 21st March 2024

Minutes

- 1.) Opening prayer – after a period of silent reflection we remembered parishioners and relatives who are unwell and gave thanks for the Lent Lunches and our roles in the PPC.
- 2.) Apologies for absence – received from Peter and Jacqui.
Present: Fr Gerry, Don Lavery, Anne Parker, Lucia McClean, Sue Thornhill, Joan Matthews, Barbara Hindley, Anne Lomas, Frank Forest, Pat Dawson.
- 3.) Minutes of the last meeting were approved and a hard copy will be placed on the noticeboard in church. Pat and Anne Lomas would also like a hard copy.

Matters arising –

The meeting for welcomers and readers will be 2nd May at 2 p.m. and for eucharistic ministers on 16th May at 2 p.m.

Joan and Sue have met with Mark McCabe to look into replacing hymn books with a projector and screen, this is a work in progress still, with a possible visit to St Peter's in Hazel Grove to see their system.

Tamila is now working full time for a British firm. She has plans to visit her husband in Ukraine and for her elder son to visit her here.

Churches Together have their last Lent Lunch tomorrow (22nd March), Mustard Seed continues but now 10 till 12 o'clock with our church helping monthly.

Churches Together will be included as a permanent item on the agenda.

Don and Frank are working on the risk assessments, this will be discussed at the next meeting.

The insurers have confirmed that the 5 lever lock on the sacristy door is sufficient. To reduce reliance on the keypad Don has obtained a key safe which will be put on the wall outside so the key can be used when no-one is going in for a while.

The Easter Egg raffle is going well and will be used to fund the Walsingham trip.

Plan to start arranging this after Anne P returns from holiday in September.

Father has ordered wine glasses for his golden jubilee celebrations in June.

The showing of Wonka is planned for Friday 19th April.

- 4.) Progress regarding Tideswell Church – Don and Frank have made an inventory of the contents of the building. This has been sent to the diocese initially but we have had no response yet. A few items are being kept for Chapel Church, £50 has been obtained for the safe, Don will ask someone about the large old chair. We will also ask Gordon if he wants anything. We need to obtain some indication of a timetable from the diocese for when they intend to put the church up for sale and so when we need to empty it.

5.) Finance – Peter sent a paper with the financial information. Bank reconciled on 31 January 2024 at current account £11,778.74, set off £7,500, total £19,278.74. Latest, 20 February current account £12,537.20, set off £7,500, total £20,037.24. All the second collections have been paid so the above is all our own funds. As agreed by the Diocese, Fr Gerry will be paid in full by monthly standing order from Buxton. It has been agreed that Chapel will reimburse to Buxton a 1/3rd share, also by standing order £277.78 pcm. There may be a need for a final small balancing payment each March to finalise.

Ukrainian accounting as at 31/12/2023 Income £2900, Expenditure £1932.76 Excess of income over expenditure £967.24. The expenditure includes £500 towards the boiler ‘mopping up’ some of the surplus in parish favour. Peter also proposes to allocate some of the roof cost to further reduce the surplus. Council payment will reduce from £700 per month to £350 from April for the summer. We have an agreement to ask Tamila for her share of heating and lighting but have not done yet because of the surplus.

6.) Safeguarding – Cat Labio now has a DBS, this will be a big help to have a second person for Children’s Liturgy. We have been sent the Church Safeguarding Register, formerly the parish list to check for our parish. It is all correct and everybody is up to date with DBS. This will now be sent for checking quarterly. We have also received an Acceptable Behaviour Policy and Code of Conduct, these have been printed and copies will be put on the church noticeboard. Safeguarding Sunday is on 5th May. Fr Gerry is planning a Victims and Survivors Day of Prayer in Buxton on Tuesday 23rd April, with the Bishop present for a service at 7 p.m. Sue will ask Grainne if the children wish to do anything for Safeguarding Sunday in Chapel.

7.) Any other business – Gardening work has started with hedge cutting and grass cut. This will increase after Easter, with a need to establish if people will still be maintaining the borders they adopted last year. The sacristy is completed apart from the flooring and steps. A non-slip flooring has been chosen with a large mat near the door and red strips along the step edges. A quote for £740 has been accepted, with work done hopefully before Easter. The roof and chimney work has been completed. 9/10ths of the A category jobs from the quinquennial report have now been done, Fr Gerry reminded us that there are further jobs to do in Years 2/3 and 4/5. Quinquennial Report Progress should become a permanent item on the Agenda. Pat suggested we have a Taize evening. It was proposed that this should be done as an ecumenical service and we find a date with Churches Together. Joan has copies of a previous Taize which we could use.

8.) Date of next meeting – 23rd May 2024 at 2 o’clock