

Chapel Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 23rd May 2024

Minutes

1.) Opening prayer - Don led a prayer asking God for guidance, wisdom and support as we make decisions. We had a period of silence when we remembered those in need of our prayer and our personal needs.

2.) Apologies for absence – received from Joan.

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

3.) Minutes of the last meeting were approved, and Don will place a hard copy on the noticeboard in Church, Sue will email a copy to Rob Aldous for the website. Matters arising –

The meeting for welcomers and readers will be rescheduled for 13th June 7pm, Richard will be consulted regarding a rescheduled time for the Eucharistic Ministers meeting.

Father has asked Anne Parker to be a Eucharistic Minister, Sue will provide application forms and progress to DBS. Some other parishioners will be approached to try and find more Eucharistic Ministers.

Sue asked if anybody without DBS presented the chalice in services in Chapel, Father confirmed that they don't.

4.) Finance including Ukrainian Accounting –

Reconciled balance 31.03.24 (about to be signed off)

Current Account £11495.92

Set Off Account £ 7527.50 (including £27.20 interest from the diocese)

Unreconciled balance 22.04.24

£12141.25

Set off £ 7527.50

£19668.75

Ukrainian Accounting

Thank you grants: to 31.03.24 £700 p.c.m; from 01.04.24 £500 p.c.m

Income £500 x 3 1500

£700 x 5 3500

£5000

Expenditure £4181.93

Excess of Income over expenditure
£ 818.07

(Expenditure: new boiler work 1000, roof repairs 794.18, water rates 38.18, mileage costs 16.83, insurance 107.16, repairs and renewals 668.85, light and heat 853.80, quinquennial inspection cost 702.93)

Fr Gerry asked Peter to transfer money from the current account to the set off account to keep the current account to £5000.

Money in the Ukrainian account is restricted income, some has been used for the roof and boiler and some will be used for a new door between the parish room and the house.

5.) Safeguarding – Sue reported that we are up to date with DBS etc
The success of the Victims and Survivors day at Buxton was discussed, in particular the impact of the bishop's apology and the importance of this in Buxton where the reputation of the church suffered greatly from the actions of Fr Cullen in almost 10 years at St Annes.

6.) Update on sale of Tideswell Church – The contents of Tideswell church have been offered for donations resulting in 6 bids including one from Matlock of £1000 for the benches. Don and Jacqui are taking the old chair to Bamfords at Rowsley to assess its worth and decide what to do with it, possibly to include it in their auction on 6th June. The aim is to clear the church and then email the diocese to see when they will put it up for sale.

7.) Update on Quinquennial Report of 22nd June 2022 – Don presented a spreadsheet showing 9 of the 12 'A' rated (most urgent) jobs have been completed. The most expensive, the driveway, we agreed to delay until Tideswell is sold. The door between the parish room and Tamila's part of the house will be the next job. Much of the redecoration work can wait a bit as it is not deteriorating too much however the state of the outside toilet is poor. It was agreed that the cost of updating and improving this will be looked into to provide an alternative to the toilet in the house.

8.) Update on Synodal Listening Project – Don presented a paper summarising the results of this. It was agreed that we will all look at this and discuss it at the next meeting.

9.) Fr. Gerry a) Week of Prayer – Father discussed the week of guided prayer which will take place between 16 and 22nd of June. Don, Frank and Barbara all spoke of what a positive experience they found this last time. Father gave out leaflets which will be available at Mass this weekend when Sister Trease will give a talk.
b) Celebration – Father will provide drinks for after mass on 29th

June and we are all invited to a hog roast at Buxton after Sunday Mass on 30th. We will organise what is to happen at Chapel and liaise with Margaret.

10.) Churches Together – Pat said that the Warm Space is open until July, mostly church people go and socialise but a few other people attend. We are hosting the Harvest Supper on 28 September at the Methodist Church. Lent Lunches raised £667 for Christian Aid.

11.) Taize evening - this is being organised by Pat, Joan, and Barbara on 21st June at 7 pm. Other churches have been invited.

12.) Any other business –

Joan and Sue, who are looking into using a projector instead of buying new hymn books, are waiting to hear from Mark at Buxton regarding a visit to St Peter's at Hazel Grove to see how they use their projection system.

It was suggested that a list of cleaning jobs/priorities be made and discussed with Ludmilla to including the sacristy and other jobs not currently being addressed.

From this December the current lectionaries will need replacing with the English Standard Version to replace the current Jerusalem version. This will cost £700 for all 4. Father also proposes to buy a smaller study edition for £250 to use in the house in winter. New Sunday missals are available for £25, £20 if ordered before the end of May. Father will order some, Peter, Sue and Anne P requested one.

The Crowning of Our Lady was much appreciated and Peter particularly mentioned the sheet with the Litany printed.

Barbara reported that the 100 club membership had reduced from 88 to 69 with income dropping from £1300 last year to £695 this year. It was agreed that this was still very worthwhile.

13.) Date of next meeting 25th July at 2pm