

Chapel Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 3rd October 2024

Minutes

1.) Opening prayer – we all read the CAFOD Harvest Prayer aloud.

2.) Apologies for absence – received from Peter Barnes.

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

3.) Minutes of the last meeting were approved and will be put on the website and on the noticeboard at the back of church.

Matters arising

Meeting for Eucharistic Ministers Wednesday 9th October after Mass.

Readers' meeting 17th October with Damian Norton.

Donations have been received for all the new Lectionaries and personal ones are on order, to be used from 30th November. Fr Gerry reminded us of the meeting with Fr Joe O'Hanlon on 11th November at 2.00 pm to discuss the new translation.

Joan presented a summary of investigations into the potential use of a screen in church. Joan and Sue have visited 2 churches with screens installed to observe and discuss their use and have invited representatives of 2 specialist installers to look at our church and provide quotations. One installer has offered to bring a screen and demonstrate how it works. All PPC members present voted to take up his offer and Joan will arrange this.

Frank and Don reported on the success of opening the church for prayer with some visitors on most days. Both felt safe whilst in church, but we discussed possibly using 2 volunteers together for fewer hours to continue through the winter. Anne to re-do the information board.

4.) Finance – Peter provided a paper of funds reconciled to 31st August

Total fund available	£20531	this includes £297 Walsingham funds
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Current account	£ 6004.23
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Set off account	£14527.50
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5.) Safeguarding – Anne Parker and Sue have started her DBS procedure, Anne to check if she has been sent link for DBS application.

Cross of the Moment meetings at Buxton Monday 7th October to include discussion of parishioners' experiences of safeguarding issues

6.) Churches together – The Harvest Supper on 28th September was well supported, approximately 36 people attended, £136 donations received, £56 spent on food.

7.) Progress regarding Tideswell Church - The diocesan Building and Sites Committee has now approved the marketing of Tideswell for sale by private treaty in accordance with the original valuation of £107,250. Charity law precludes sale by auction. Don will liaise with the estate agents.

8.) The entrance to the Church – Don reported that the gates, the cross over the porch, door trim and church sign all need attention. Barbara will forward details of a joiner to Don.

9.) Walsingham Pilgrimage – no payments due before end of October. Fundraising needed towards the cost of the coach, perhaps a sale at a Buxton coffee morning.

10.) Any other business

Harvest on Saturday 5th October.

Peter Barnes will present an overview of the year's finance at Mass on Saturday 19th October.

Taizé Saturday 20th October and Sunday 17th November both at the Methodist Church. We could do another Taizé service in March.

We have been offered a table at Chinley Chapel Christmas Fair.

Frank updated us on the question of having a defibrillator at Church, apparently no funds are available if there is already one within 200m and there is now one at the New Inn. Sue suggested we put a notice at the back of church to record this.

Anne Parker to compile flower rota for November, with display in front of altar including wooden hands, dead list etc. as usual.

Fr Gerry has been contacted by the bishop regarding a fundraising initiative, Enabling our Mission, where the Parish raises funds which go to the Diocese, a proportion for use by the diocese and some to be used by our Parish. All agreed to Father's proposal to ask the professional fund raiser involved to speak at Mass after Easter then let parishioners decide.

11.) Date of next meeting – Thursday 16th January 2025