

St Anne's Pastoral Parish Council Meeting Minutes



Meeting held: 12 June 2025

at 7:00pm in the presbytery

In attendance: GD, TL, MB, Fr G, RA, YR, MS

Item	Agenda Topics	Discussion/Actions	Person responsible	Date to be completed by
1.	Welcome and opening Prayer	YR welcomed everyone GD introduced to PPC, members introduced themselves YR opened the meeting with a prayer	YR	
2.	Apologies	MMc, CU		
3.	Previous minutes and matters arising	Agreed and no matters raised on items not addressed at this meeting		
4.	Updates: Liturgies FHC Holy week/Easter	Holy Week Reconciliation Service – very well attended and appreciated Lovely community celebration and everyone fitted in the church! Some FHC families are continuing to attend. Reconciliation: was well attended and well received. Maundy Thursday – not many attended from either parish. Vigil – smaller attendance than Easter Sunday: length of service/perhaps some people want a 'quieter' service, not as formal, too much of a performance? Attendance better on Easter Sunday. Screens are enhancing our liturgies and very positive feedback. 2 nd screen in side aisle now in place. The Walsingham Pilgrimage was a great success with those who went on it. Comments: a good opportunity for Chapel and Buxton parishioners to get to know each other better; can we do something next year? Thanks to Don for organising it, and Peter for his help with the finances. 'The Empty Chair' well received – positive response/big impact/good to hear the 'voices' of the victims and survivors and noted that we are a parish directly affected by the abuse scandal. The readers were thanked for their effective reading of the victim accounts. Send words and video to Pat Jones. Share with other PSRs and Diocesan safeguarding team at 'The Cross of the Moment' PSR/Clergy sessions	MS	Feedback at Diocesan session

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		Children's liturgy group – discussions about more volunteers, at least 2 are needed for each session. Consent forms are now being completed – starting to develop relationship with parents. Icebreakers – MB/YR/CU have met. Discussed and decided on 2 icebreakers, possibly to use at coffee? One idea – 'Sticker Sunday' is one suggestion Is there a demand for social events in the parish? Possible venue - the Old Clubhouse (free to hire – food/bar). Needs to be explored further and discussed at future meetings. Ministry of Welcome – YR attended a Diocesan session to discuss what's happening and sharing across the diocese. Comment from parishioner that the church has become much more welcoming in the past few years.	GD MB/YR/CU PPC	Ongoing Ongoing Next meeting
5.	FOHL	Brendan Metcalfe, CEO of Friends of the Holy Land, will visit 12 th /13 th July to speak about the work of the charity and the difference it makes to the small Christian population in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza (Palestine) and Jordan. It is hoped to provide an update of money raised so far to the parish. The monthly collection for Gaza will be taken that weekend.	Fr G/MS	12/13 July
6.	Reconciliation room	Needs refurbishment – parishioners need a choice of face to face/private.	MS/IL	Summer 2025
7.	Refurbishment of church bell	Report and quote circulated. Comments about how nice is to hear the bell ringing before Mass and reaching out to the local community of Buxton. Possible grant funding could be investigated. Quote for scaffolding & pointing – speak to PF	GD/MS/TL GD/YR	ASAP 15 June
8.	Communication - email	Do we need a separate PPC email? There are not many who use it, mainly CMC and their emails are usually copied into the St Anne's one as well. Can we just direct any comments/enquiries to the general St Anne's email and relevant emails forwarded to PPC members (which is what is effectively happening now). Agreed to use the general church email.	MS	Next meeting
9.	Retirement	Newsletter update: Fr Gerry pleased that Bishop had written to parishioners to thank them Celebration of retirement – Parish shared table Date – 07 Sept include in newsletter	MS	29 June

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		Planning group to include Chapel parishioners Date TBA Talk to parish about the event and recruit people to join planning group - MS/YR/GD/BH/TB	MS	ASAP
10	Date to meet Fr. Greg	Changes anticipated – timings of Sunday masses Would Fr Greg like to meet PPC before he takes over the parish? Write to Fr Greg	MS	End June
11	CMC/BT	Form completed for Diocesan medal BT retiring from CMC 27 July. Celebration at Sunday Mass CMC/PPC Meeting – to be discussed: Diocesan levy of 16% on gross rent income will impact on the profit generated Lack of volunteers – BT has set up a WhatsApp group of volunteers Possible employment of a ‘handyperson’/bookings person A lot of essential maintenance work has been completed: repairs and external repainting of windows/roof /plumbing/electrics/internal decorating. It was noted that the repairs and external painting work has left lots of bits around the building – could this be cleaned up?	MS CMC/ attending PPC members	19 June 27 July 26 Jun 7pm
12	Safeguarding	Reflection on Empty Chair (as above in 4.) Safeguarding and its importance is becoming much more ‘embedded’ in the parish, especially DBS applications/renewals and all the paperwork involved! Fr G and MS attending Diocesan ‘The Cross of the Moment’ sessions being led by Pat Jones, author of the 2024 ‘Cross of the Moment’ report, which is about the impact of clerical sexual abuse in the Catholic Church in England and Wales. We would like to create something with the LOUDFence ribbons from the Day of Prayer. Explore options.	Fr G/MS MS	19 June 03 July Ongoing
13	H&S	Fire training – 1 more training session needed for fire marshals Fire drill date TBA	MS/TL	29 July

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14	Finance	Increase in quota (£875.94 to £1304.66 pm) 16% is now levied on all income (property sales, legacies, grants and insurance settlements, will not be included. This means that Parish Centre gross income from lettings WILL be included (also see item 11.)		
15	Diary dates	Solstice Creation Walk to Corbar – 06:00am 21 June CMC/PPC meeting – 7:00pm, 26 June in the Centre FOHL visit – 12/13 July Fr G away: 02 – 09 July/03 – 24 Aug Taizé prayer – 20 July 6:00pm Buxton Methodist Church Fr G retirement celebration – 07 Sept Fr Greg arrival – 08 Sept		
16	AOB	RA has agreed to sponsor H in his journey to become a Catholic; V is also starting her journey. MB updated us about her Spiritual accompaniment role. Scripture group is going well.		
17	Date of next meeting Opening prayer	Date TBA with Fr Greg once he has arrived.		