

Chapel Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 26th March 2025

Minutes

- 1.) Opening prayer – Sue led the prayer, a period of silence to remember Anne Parker, followed by the eternal rest, 2 short pieces on pilgrimage from the Jubilee booklet and a short prayer
- 2.) Apologies for absence – received from Joan Matthews.
Present: Fr. Gerry, Don Lavery, Peter Barnes, Jacqui Lavery, Lucia McLean, Anne Lomas, Pat Dawson, Frank Frost, Barbara Hindley, 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.
- 4.) Finance - Peter provided a paper of funds reconciled to 28.02.25
Current account £9931.30, Set off £19527.50, Total £29458.80
Close of business 25.03.25 current account £11515.36, Total £31042.86.
Propose to transfer a further £5000 to set off account. Diocese have confirmed that this account is under parish control.

Ukrainian accounting – Don has email from DCC on 14th March which confirms they will continue to pay £700 per month. Tamila can apply for an extension of 18 months when her current visa expires in spring 2026, giving a further 2.5 years funding from now. Excess of income over expenditure to be addressed, including new fire door, front door and upstairs doors.
- 5.) Safeguarding – Sue has received the latest quarterly safeguarding register, updates (removing Anne Parker, adding Kate Beswick as welcomer) and rechecks required (Sue, Dick and Fr Gerry) were discussed. Sue reported that the DBS update service now require people to log in annually, and confirm they still require the DBS, or their subscription will be deactivated. The safeguarding office has also requested that if people fail to respond to requests for DBS renewal paperwork within 3 weeks they are asked to step down from their post. Sue reported that most people had completed the online training required. Peter confirmed that he is attending an online course about admin on the 8th May.
- 6.) Churches together – Pat reported that the Taize service was very well received, and the committee expressed their appreciation and thanks to Joan, Pat and Barbara for organising the service. Fr Gerry suggested that due to the work involved Taize could be an annual event rather than more frequent. Friday's lent lunch was excellent, particularly busy and made £190 for Christian Aid. The Mustard Seed is also going well.

This year is the 800th Anniversary of the Parish Church with many events planned, starting from Carnival Day on 21st June.

7.) Update on sale of Tideswell Church – Don emailed the diocesan property manager who has had no reply yet from solicitor's questionnaire returned in February. Deed to convert title has been received by the diocese in March,

8.) Jubilee Year, Gaza. – Fr recommended to us the leaflet and card given out at church and particularly becoming a Friend of the Holy Land and receiving the weekly emails. Don proposed putting the fuel payment refund of £2668 into the Gaza fund, this was agreed by a majority of the committee.

9.) Walsingham Pilgrimage – 2nd payment of £2496 is due, Peter will instruct the diocese to send this. A further 2 people have requested to join, this is possible but not yet certain both will go.

10.) Enabling our mission – diocesan financial appeal. Don and Peter attended a meeting at Matlock with the sponsors. Fr Gerry is reluctant to go ahead as if he retires in September he will be leaving a new priest to take on any commitment.

11.) Holy Week Celebrations and Easter – Fr Gerry confirmed the Mass times and a Service of Reconciliation at Buxton on 14th April at 10am.

Maundy Thursday Service at Chapel at 7.30pm. After the service a table will be placed at the side of the lectern for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Watching and prayer will be after the service until 10.00pm

12.) Any other business

Fr Gerry has been approached by the Bishop to update the names entered in the Diocesan Year Book i.e. removal of Anne Parker's name as chairman and Dr Gordon Fuller who was health and safety. Frank has agreed to cover health and safety. Don has offered to take the position of chair for 12 months.

Anne asked about Crowning of Our Lady. It was decided it would take place in the church garden on Sunday 4th May possibly at 3pm, time to be confirmed.

Decorating/painting of church and moving pulpit - Don suggested waiting till we get money from Tideswell but Fr Gerry says we have enough funds to do it now and this is an ongoing task.

13.) Date of next meeting Thursday 12th June