

SAINT HUGH'S BORROWASH

PARISH AGM

AGENDA & PARISH GROUP REPORTS

7 pm 18th October 2012

Parish Meeting Room

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AGENDA

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer
2. Discussion on Written Reports
3. Finance
4. Where are we as Parish Community?
5. Elections to Parish Pastoral Council
6. Date of next AGM
7. Closing prayer

PARISH PRIEST

We had seen a lot of changes during the past year. The Bishop's consultation document "You are the Living Stones" came out in November 2011, and since then we had worked hard to look at our parish, and our neighbouring parishes, and indeed the whole Derby Deanery, to look at ways that we could work better together.

During last year, we had numerous joint events with St Alban & English Martyrs parishes. The notable ones were the mini Station Masses that we had with the three parishes, and afterwards, the refreshments and the discussions on the "You are the Living Stones" document, which resulted in more co-operation and working together.

During the weeks in Lent we had alternate Stations of the Cross with St Albans, followed by soup & rolls after the Stations. It was very well attended and enjoyed by both parishes. We had the joint celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation which took place on 11th July, celebrated by the Bishop of Nottingham. We are in the process of planning a joint Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and the response so far has been good and encouraging.

We benefitted particularly the expertise in parish administration from St Alban's parish. We have now a joint parish newsletter, and the parish website is running, all these are provided by the parishioners of St Alban's Church. We are truly grateful for their willingness to help us out and we look forward to more co-operation and working together in the future.

Personally, I like to thank the parish for organizing and celebrating my Silver Jubilee on 4th July. Many priests and visitors had commented how friendly and welcoming the parish was. I am always very proud of you in building up the family atmosphere of the parish. *KEEP IT UP.* Since my appointment to take on extra responsibilities of looking after Beeston & Wollaton, I am feeling tired and sorry for the parish. Beeston & Wollaton is a huge challenge and I am spending more time there than I anticipated. I shall see how I get on by the end of the year, and I thank the people of the parish for being so supportive and understanding during this time. Especially with the loss of the Sunday evening Mass which had caused me heartache in doing so. The last Sunday evening Mass and the refreshment after Mass on 26 August 2012 was emotional for me. I did feel I let the people down.

This coming year is going to be challenging, not only for me, but for the parish too. The Pastoral Council will continue to take a very active and leading role in the running and administration of the parish, particularly in the maintenance and repairs of the buildings. The new refurbishment of the Hall and the new heating is a credit to the Pastoral Council. I thank them for the work and their continual support in the running of the parish. I ask the people of the parish to rally together in helping us to make St Hugh a special friendly and welcoming parish, all for the Glory of God. Amen.

Canon Ka Fai Lee

Parish Pastoral Council

Our members have unstintingly contributed their views, expertise and time for the good of the Parish. This year has been dominated by our consideration of the Living Stones document and planning for the changes to be introduced next September.

Already we have had to change to allow Cannon Ka Fai to provide essential help to the parishes of Beeston and Wollaton. This is a difficult challenge, and we will give him all the support we can.

The work of the Buildings Group is gradually improving the condition of our buildings. We owe thanks to the many volunteers who do the work at a fraction of the commercial cost.

Cannon Ka Fai's vision of The Parish Family is surely beginning to materialise.

Through the Coffee Mornings we are beginning to know each other by name. Every Sunday the Parish Activities Group, the coffee ladies and others, serve us and raise funds for worthy causes. Liz Nightingale is remembered because of their efforts to serve.

We are now greeted by name at the door of the church and our visitors are made welcome. Readers read enthusiastically, Church Cleaners do a splendid job of dusting and polishing, Flowers Arrangers grace the altar with their beautiful creations - and all to the greater glory of God.

Our greatest joy must surely be the success of the Children's Liturgy. At the last count I numbered seventeen children and infants enthusiastically supporting the retiring hymn. I am particularly impressed that fathers are involved in their religious instruction.

We face some challenging times, but I am convinced that we as parishioners will deal with whatever comes our way. We are promised that we will always remain the Parish of St. Hugh of Lincoln.

Tony Gregory

Derby Deanery Pastoral Council

The priority of the D.D.P.C. this year was to implement the directions of the Diocesan "Living Stones" document proposals, a two year programme, addressing the issues of fewer priests and falling congregations.

A detailed audit of all the Derby parishes was conducted covering material, financial, spiritual and sacramental statistics plus a pen portrait of each parish.

The draft produced was circulated to all parishes for review by priest and laity. The final one was recommended by the Derby Clergy Conference and will be implemented over the next two years.

Also under consideration by the D.D.P.C. are: outreach to non-participating Catholics; training for leadership of the laity; increased lay participation and, particularly in view of 2013 being the Year of Evangelisation, an emphasis on ways of evangelising.

Maureen Hughes

Eucharistic Ministers

Our six active Eucharistic Ministers assist Fr. Ka Fai at Mass and visit the sick and housebound, administering Holy Communion as appropriate. Working to a rota with other parishes, they visit the Royal Derby City Hospital. One of our commissioned Ministers is no longer able to carry out the work due to infirmity, and one who assisted at the Sunday evening Mass is not free on Sunday mornings, so has to attend another parish.

Anne Rochford

Altar Servers

Our altar servers, all members of the Archconfraternity of St. Stephen assist at the Sunday Mass and other Masses when possible. They are growing in confidence and skill, and greatly enhance the celebration of the Mass. Anyone with an interest in becoming a server will be welcomed, and trained in the role.

Ian Chater, Sacristan 799901

Readers' Group

With only one Mass to cover now our regular readers at 9.30 am Mass have an additional reader who used to attend the 6.30 pm Mass. We are always ready to welcome fresh talent (and faces). With a rota of 7 readers it is not an onerous task, and it is a privilege to exercise this ministry.

Peter Rochford produces the readers' rota displayed on the Church notice board. Mary Somers keeps a watchful eye on the 9.30 Mass to check that the day's reader is present; however if readers please ring Mary or Peter if they are not able arrange their own cover when they are away on the allocated day.

Mary Somers 662092

Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy Group has been running sessions in its present form for 3 years, with about 10 parents helping with planning and running the Sunday Mass sessions. We take pre-communion children and teach them about the day's Gospel through activities that they really enjoy.

We occasionally take on a bigger role in the Mass, for example a Harvest Mass at which the Children raised £166 for the children of Fr. Peter Phiri's parish in Malawi. Our children and their parents support CAFOD and the Catholic Clothing Guild, helping to encourage the practice of charity and support for those less well off than ourselves.

Lisa Radford – Children's Liturgy Coordinator 601961

Music Group

Mike Gregory, Tony Heron, John Burns and Caroline Styles provide live music at the 9 am Mass. The transition from organ to guitar accompaniment appears to be popular, though the digital organ is always available for older and for solemn hymns. The younger children are encouraged to take an instrument and contribute to the retiring hymn which seems to please both them and those of the congregation who indulge their enthusiasm.

A complete St Hugh's Mass, parts of which you are already familiar with, should be completed shortly. The delay has been due to the introduction of the new order of the Mass which in parts does not have the same cadence as the one we were used to and in consequence requires a deal of experimental composition.

We welcome your encouragement and any suggestions you might make. Tell Tony Gregory who selects the hymns of any hymn that has a special significance to you and we will try and include it in our repertoire.

An ambition for the future is to install a modest sound system so that the accompaniment may be heard to better advantage.

Tony Heron would be delighted to guide any volunteer willing to operate the digital organ. It is really quite easy after a few minutes of instruction, and opens up a vast range of hymns with which to praise God.

Mike Gregory

Church Cleaners

We have 8 volunteers for Church cleaning, working to Peter Rochford's rota so that we can plan better and if need be arrange substitutes. More cleaners would allow us to roster two people each week. We have male volunteers for a Christmas and Easter deep clean, involving moving the benches to vacuum underneath.

It's our privilege to keep the Church suitably clean for our worship.

Flower Arrangers

We have three volunteers for the flowers. More flower arrangers would be particularly welcome.

It's our privilege to decorate the Church with flowers for our worship.

Mary Chater 799901

Hall & Meeting Room

We have maintained our bookings this year, with some improvisation to overcome the heating system failure. Regular bookings from the Gardening Club, Slimming World, and a Zumba Class provide a steady income. With the new heating system, the redecoration of the Hall, and the website to provide publicity, we hope to attract more bookings. The Hall and Meeting room may be booked separately or together, and we can provide a bar and catering on request.

Ian Chater Bookings Manager 799901

Parish Activities Group

The Group, now in its 26th year, runs coffee mornings, Christmas pantomime visits, the Children's Christmas Party and other occasional events to raise funds for Church maintenance, Church flowers, Mass intentions, The Liz Nightingale Memorial charitable fund (named after a deceased former parishioner who worked hard for the Parish) and other charitable works. The group is run by Tom Culleton (Chairman) and 11 others. It is on course to raise over £2,300 for the year since the 2011 AGM.

Our regular big event is the Christmas Pantomime at Nottingham. Last year we had 92 bookings, 41 being children, with £910 donation from the PAG. For the forthcoming visit we have 53 adults and 36 children coming, with the PAG contributing £710.

Our other big donation this year was to Fr. Peter Phiri, who supplied for us in May and June; at the benefit social held in June for his parish in Malawi we were able to present Fr. Peter with a donation of £1020, supplementing raffle proceeds and individual donations. We also took Fr. Peter to Uttoxeter races, where he had some success with the horses.

We have donated smaller (but still significant) sums to The Frazer McDermott Foundation, the Padley Centre, The Rainbow Hospice, Boy Scouts, The Barnabas Fund, and an individual recipient in need.

Thanks to all our helpers and supporters who organise, cook, bake, clean, run raffles and help in any way. Thanks to those who give us support and to Canon Ka Fai for his constant support and engagement.

Lisa Radford – Secretary

Greeters

Domini Gregory and Mary Chater act as Greeters at the Sunday Mass. More volunteers would be welcome.

Cash Counters

Ken Reeves counts the collection, with Peter Rochford standing in when Ken is away.

Fair Trade

Our Fair Trade stall has been suspended since the illness and untimely death of Pat Frawley. We hope to re-start it shortly with the help of the Children's Liturgy Group.

Catechists

This year's Confirmation Classes were run jointly with St. Alban's Parish providing the catechists. For the forthcoming First Holy Communion classes, Canon Ka Fai is leading the parents who will be the catechists for the candidates.

Buildings Group

The planned replacement of rotten fascia boards in late 2012 revealed that water from roof leaks was running down the underside of the roof felting. We were aware of minor leaks but this indicated a more severe problem than we had realised. Fortunately the roof withstood this year's rainstorms without damage. The cost of renewal is roughly £40,000, and we don't have that kind of money to hand. We will be considering the options next spring.

The Meeting room central heating sprang a leak in the early summer, which you may remember required the floor to be opened up to dry out. The Hall and Meeting Room systems have been completely renewed with one new boiler, and a new boiler installed for the Church system. We plan to install new radiators in the Church. The new boilers together with the loft insulation should help reduce our heating bills, or at least limit the effect of price increases. Lisa Radford has completely redecorated the Hall, making it even more of an asset to the Parish

Our field next to the Church is being let for grazing till Christmas, when we will be reconsidering its use.

Refurbishment of the old fuel store as a sacristy work room has been delayed, but should be complete by the AGM. A new external door will be fitted to close off the side porch, so that the flower arrangers don't have to venture outside. We will then clear out the old sacristy.

It has been a busy year, and we expect that 2013 will also be busy.

Terry McMenamin 01332 677788

Prayer Group

On average 5 or 6 of us continue to recite the Rosary and other prayers after Thursday morning Mass. We remember the sick, housebound and bereaved of our Parish.

More recently we have offered our prayers for Fr. Ka Fai Lee with his extra responsibilities of pastoral care for 2 other parishes. Also for William Breslin who has started studies for the priesthood

We commend all our prayers to our Blessed Mother in the sure hope that she will intercede for us.

Mary Somers 662092

Little Red Box 'Missio'

Missio (Latin 'sending out'; easily recognisable in many languages) comprises:

- The APF with the Mill Hill Missionaries, serving the poor and building up local faith.
- The Pontifical Missionary Union, promoting world mission among priests, religious, catechists and teachers.

They cover 120 countries. We ask you to join them and take their Little Red Collection Box for your spare change. Small though may be, it nurtures the younger Churches, especially where there is poverty.

Little Red Box Holders, give their small change, as missionaries in their own homes. We want to grow this Parish mission, and would welcome any more volunteers.

Tony Gregory Tel. 01332 873879

Faith in Families (formerly Catholic Children's Society)

We still collect a number of boxes, despite the growth of direct debit donations, by-passing us. People are still donating to the charity and supporting its beliefs.

Mary Chater 799901

CAFOD

Teresa Birkin is St. Hugh's Box Collector. Teresa has given stalwart support over the years, and this is a very worthy cause.

Catholic Clothing Guild

Teresa Birkin runs the Catholic Clothing Guild, the oldest post reformation Catholic Charity. It supplies new, useful and warm clothing for those in need.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR APRIL 2011 TO MARCH 2012

a) Income & Expenditure

	Apr '11 - Mar 12	Apr '10 - Mar 11
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Donations & Stole fees	3,553.50	8,640.40
Fundraising	1,200.00	496.00
Gift Aid Payment	3,943.23	3,265.22
Hall Hire	2,823.00	4,129.50
Interest received	110.00	46.00
Legacies Received	1,000.00	0.00
Offertory Collections	24,385.39	24,303.10
Rents received	0.00	100.00
Repository Income	860.79	694.50
Restricted Income	816.87	1,703.80
Sundries Income	0.00	3,363.00
Total Income	38,692.78	46,741.52
Expense		
Bank Service Charges	175.68	235.23
Capital Expenditure	4,927.94	1,580.00
Church & Hall expenses	6,334.45	3,936.88
Clergy Salary	4,500.00	4,500.00
Diocesan quota paid	5,765.00	6,150.00
Foods & drinks	2,163.92	2,381.06
Gifts and Donations	150.00	0.00
House & Household C...	6,042.70	2,284.41
House maintenance	0.00	79.00
Insurance	926.95	1,120.62
Office expenses	2,802.60	1,660.88
Payment to clergy	499.50	324.80
Restricted Expenses	816.87	1,663.80
Sundries	780.00	2,024.54
Travel expenses	1,459.20	1,468.80
Utilities	4,016.17	4,411.08
Total Expense	41,360.98	33,821.10
Net Ordinary Income	-2,668.20	12,920.42
Profit for the Year	-2,668.20	12,920.42

b) Balance Sheet at 31st March 2012

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash at bank and in hand	
Business charge card	-10.34
nrcdt Set off account	14,841.70
Petty cash	18.45
St Hugh's No1	8,321.57
Total Cash at bank and in hand	23,171.38
Total Current Assets	23,171.38
NET CURRENT ASSETS	23,171.38
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIA...	23,171.38
NET ASSETS	23,171.38
Capital and Reserves	
Opening Bal Equity	10,507.87
Retained Earnings	15,331.71
Profit for the Year	-2,668.20
Shareholder funds	23,171.38