

Notes of St. Hugh's Parish AGM 18th October 2012

Attending: Canon Ka Fai Lee, Tony Gregory (chairman), Terry McMenamin (secretary), Steve Hemsall, Joe Rudski, Iris Panci, Maureen Hughes, Anne Grieve, Vera McMenamin, Mary & Ian Chater, Tony Heron, Mary Somers, Tom & Jill Culleton, Teresa Birkin, Geoff Dennis, Ken Reeves, , Peter & Anne Rochford, & Lisa Radford.

Apologies: John Burns, Philip Birkin, John & Joy Heaps.

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer

Canon Ka Fai welcomed all to the meeting and opened it with a prayer.

2. Discussion on Written Reports:

The reports were taken as read, and comments from the meeting were taken as below

Parish Priest's Report: - Geoff Dennis didn't feel that Fr. Ka Fai had let the Parish down over the 6.30 pm Mass, in fact his commitment to the Parish is exemplary. This was supported by the meeting. Fr. Ka Fai said that it is most unlikely that the evening Mass can be restored. The Bishop is likely to accept recommendations that the 3 Parishes (St. Hugh, St. Albans & English Martyrs) should have two priests, so it would be impracticable to have a Sunday evening Mass.

Parish Pastoral Council Reports: - No questions.

Derby Deanery Pastoral Council:- Maureen Hughes said that the DDPC had reviewed all the Parishes as part of the preparation for the preparation of the recommendations now with the Bishop.

Eucharistic Ministers:- Anne Rochford suggested that parishioners should visit the sick and housebound, as individuals, and on their own initiative. This would be a Christian act.

Altar Servers: - Ian hopes that one server currently absent will return in the New Year, and that one or two of First Communion candidates would join.

Readers: - report noted.

Children's Liturgy: - The meeting generally was very supportive and appreciated Children's Liturgy. The very young children engage other children and develop their sense of responsibility.

Music Group: - Younger recruits would be welcome. The Group's contribution to the Liturgy was much appreciated by the meeting.

Cleaners: - No questions.

Flower Arrangers: - The Parish Activities Group was thanked for funding the flowers.

Hall & Meeting Room: - Bookings are up, showing the value of recent upgrades. It was suggested that better outside lighting would make the Hall look better, and encourage more business.

Parish Activities Group: - Tom Culleton detailed the individual efforts and funds raised. He said the Parish as a whole might like to know the amounts raised, which possibly via the Bulletin.

Greeters: - No questions.

Cash Counters: - Ken Reeves commented that this activity is no a well-rehearsed routine, not at all onerous. Gift Aid is recommended, this is run by Margot Madin and enables the Parish to reclaim tax paid. Confidentiality is preserved by the numerical coding of donors.

Gift Aid: - Lisa would like to restart this with the Children, but the local contact has retired.

Catechists: - Anne Grieve was involved with the Confirmation classes at St. Albans and she will be working with the eight First Communion candidates.

Buildings: - Fr. Ka Fai confirmed that the Parish owns and has the use of the field on the Derby side of the Church. As agricultural land, potential uses are limited. However it would be available for an occasional event such as a fête or maybe with a marquee for an event such as a wedding.

Prayer Group: - report noted.

Missio: - Tony Gregory collects from 4 boxes. There is more competition for funds, and more money now goes directly.

Faith in Families: - report noted, similar comments as for Missio.

CAFOD: - Teresa coordinates collection from several boxes, including those from the Children's Liturgy. The CAFOD HQ is believed to be moving to Crich soon.

Catholic Clothing Guild: - Teresa is no longer Diocesan representative, but remains Parish representative.

Finance: -

The parish has a reasonable reserve, which requires careful management; for example we could not afford to pay outright for a new roof. Fundraising efforts by the PAG, the scrap drive etc are appreciated, and will be publicised to the Parish.

3. Elections to Parish Pastoral Council:-

There were no resignations from the Parish Council. Joe Rudski agreed to stand for election, which was carried by acclamation. The Parish Council will appoint its officers at its next meeting on 6th December.

4. Date of Next AGM:-

To be arranged for October 2013 (Parish Council members note our next meeting on 6th December).

5. Closing Prayer:-

Canon Ka Fai thanked everyone for their contributions before closing the meeting with a prayer.