

SAINT HUGH'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting of 9th May 2013

Attending: Fr. Ka Fai Lee (President), John Heaps (acting chairman), Tony Heron, Ian Chater, Mary Chater, Joe Rudski, Lisa Radford, & Terry McMenamin (secretary).

Apologies: Tony Gregory (Chairman), John Burns (Vice Chairman), Anne-Marie Heaps, Geoff Dennis, Steve Hemsall, Ken Reeves.

The meeting opened with a prayer for our long-standing and loyal elderly parishioners who have left the parish: Anne Fairbrother, Anne Marshall, Tom & Theresa Kelly; also for our PCC chairman Tony Gregory who is on chemotherapy.

1. Minutes of previous meeting: the minutes of 11th April were approved.

2. Matters Arising: None.

3. Pastoral & Liturgy:

- a) Retired Clergy: The Parish Meeting will be held on 13th May. Fr. Ka Fai stated that, contrary to earlier reports, targets have been set. For St. Hugh's it would be about £1 per person per week. He had expressed concern to the Diocese that Living Stones programme may complicate the arrangements as parish links are made and amended. We will have to work around this as the situation develops. He encouraged all members to attend and support the appeal.
- b) Children's Liturgy: a team meeting is planned for 15th May. This will plan the support for First Communion on 9th June.

4. Buildings:

- a) Maintenance: Terry to arrange completion of the remaining electrical testing with Kevin. (Post-meeting note: completed on 11th May).
- b) Projects: New Church radiators now installed and working, and all décor restored. Thanks to John Heaps for coordinating all the work, our PCC volunteers, John Fleming and Mick Heaps. Sale of scrap, much of it being the old radiators, had raised £433. The fitting out of the sacristy work room and the new side door will be in August.
- c) Risks, responsibilities and liabilities: John Heaps had obtained the insurance conditions from the Diocese and they show we are covered for our risks to third parties. The latter are responsible for any damage they cause to the parish. Cash up to £3,500 is covered if it is in a secure safe with secure key storage Church premises or in transit to the bank is covered. Cover for cash off Church premises is doubtful.
- d) Bin – It was agreed to proceed, subject to checking against commercial providers. (Post-meeting note: The Erewash price is a concessionary one, and is cheaper).

5. Finance: The Accounts for the 2012-2013 year show a surplus of £702. This is despite substantial spending on the buildings, mainly the heating systems. Hall hire is up by two-thirds, and spending is down. We have £23.8k in total. Foreseeable future expenditure: the Presbytery fencing, the garage and other items need work, Ian and Joe will obtain prices,

6. Any Other Business:

- a) Ecumenical Steering Group: this has not been working satisfactorily, and a new approach is needed. At its last meeting it was decided by 11 to 1 to close the group and disburse surplus funds to Christian Aid. This requires the assent of the Parish Councils of the various Churches and the meeting agreed to give its consent, with regret. Contacts will continue, with the promotion of ecumenism as a continuing objective.
- b) Planned giving envelopes – demand is reducing as more sign up to standing orders and gift aid. It was agreed to reduce the order to 30.

7. Next Meeting: 27th June 2013 at 7pm.