

SAINT HUGH'S BORROWASH PARISH AGM

**7 pm Thursday 17th October 2013
Parish Meeting Room**

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer
2. Discussion on Written Report
3. Where are we as Parish Community, and where should we be?
4. Elections to Parish Pastoral Council
5. Closing prayer

INTRODUCTION

Past AGM meetings have considered detailed reports from all the groups active in the Parish. This was very valuable in increasing awareness of how much we depend on our volunteer army, and how that army contributes to society at large through active support of good causes. That awareness enables us to move on to a more strategic level, and consider the position of the parish, and to plan for its future. Significant change is inevitable, and we must be ready for it. Our plans will necessarily involve temporal elements but most important of all we must build on a foundation of faith in Christ. Strengthening that faith is the most vital element of securing our future.

PARISH REPORT

The centre of our parish life, our essential spiritual core, is our Sunday Mass, with its celebration and commemoration of His Last Supper before He offered His life to save us. Mass is complemented by the centre of our life as a parish family, the Coffee Morning after Mass, where we get to know and hopefully to love one another.

These two events are the hub of a great traffic of volunteers and helpers for Christian causes. Our Church is warm and safe, clean and decorated with beautiful flowers, and the liturgy facilitated by our altar servers, musicians, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Children's Liturgy helpers, offertory collectors and counters. These volunteers are vital to the continuing health of the parish and its mission. The servers and musicians are enthusing our young, our future.

Our Hall and Meeting Room, now nicely redecorated and warm, is ideal for our Sunday Coffee Mornings, run by the Parish Activities Group. It also provides a home for the Children's Liturgy. At the Coffee Morning the buzz of conversation is overlaid with the children announcing the winners of the raffle. The Group's fund-raising has raised more than £2,500 to various good causes, including Fr. Peter Phiri's parish in Malawi. We also aim to develop the children to consider charitable giving, both through the raffle and activities associated with the Children's Liturgy.

Parishioners take inspiration from our beliefs to visit our sick, taking Communion to them, Praying with the Prayer Group and supporting charities such as CAFOD, Missio, the CWL, Faith in Families, the Catholic Clothing Guild and many others.

The last few years have seen major improvements to the buildings, and relatively little remains to be done although we will one day have to renew the roof. We should soon have the new sacristy work room (the old boiler fuel store) and a new side door to the Church. The present side door will be removed, the new door being installed along the line of the outside walls, so that the new sacristy will be within the Church. The present sacristy can then be cleared, and we will consider the options for it.

The Hall and the Meeting Room are available for hire, with a bar if required, and since the new heating and the redecoration we have increased the income from hire fees considerably. Of course this increases wear and tear and we will need to redecorate more often.

Our field is the subject of debate; we are not sure what we are and are not allowed to do with it. We expect to receive information from the Council shortly.

Finances are reasonable, if not sparkling, thanks to the generosity of parishioners and the volunteers who carry out much of the buildings work free of charge, saving considerable sums compared to paying tradesmen. We also salute the Parish Activities Group for raising over £1,000 for the Parish, in addition to their donations beyond the Parish. Our financial statement is shown on the final page of this report.

We have spent a great deal of time recently on the Living Stones Project and the Retired Priests' Appeal Fund. After consideration of various options it has now been decided that we will continue to develop our relationship with St. Albans parish. This is by far the most sensible options and should minimize the disruptive effects of change. Parishioners have responded generously to the Retired Priest's Appeal Fund.

Now that the major efforts on the buildings, the Living Stones and the Retired Priests' Appeal Fund are out of the way we should take the opportunity to review our Parish life and consider what we should do to give the parish a healthy future. We should deepen our spiritual development to be enthusiastic about our spirituality, strengthening our faith and attracting back our less active family members and friends. The AGM will be the forum for an initial debate, and the Parish Council will take it forward.

PARISH HONOURS LIST

Group or Activity	Contact
Parish Pastoral Council	<i>To be ratified at AGM</i>
Derby Deanery Pastoral Council	<i>Maureen Hughes & Geoff Dennis</i>
Eucharistic Ministers	<i>Peter Rochford</i>
Altar Servers	<i>Ian Chater</i>
Readers	<i>Mary Somers</i>
Children's Liturgy	<i>Lisa Radford</i>
Music Group	<i>Mike Gregory & Tony Heron</i>
Church Cleaners	<i>Peter Rochford</i>
Flower Arrangers	<i>Peter Rochford</i>
Hall & Meeting Room Bookings	<i>Ian Chater</i>
Parish Activities Group	<i>Tom Culleton & Lisa Radford</i>
Greeters	<i>Mary Chater & Domini Gregory</i>
Cash Counters	<i>Ken Reeves</i>
Catechists	<i>Anne Grean</i>
Buildings Group	<i>Terry McMEnamin</i>
Prayer Group	<i>Paddy Hayden</i>
Little Red Box 'Missio'	<i>Tony Gregory</i>
Faith in Families (formerly Catholic Children's Society)	<i>Mary Chater</i>
CAFOD	<i>Teresa Birkin</i>
Catholic Clothing Guild	<i>Teresa Birkin</i>
Presbytery gardens	<i>Ian Chater</i>
Church gardens	<i>Steve Hemsall</i>
Scrap metal drive	<i>Ian Chater</i>

Many more people contribute time and effort to the Parish, and we thank them all. We also recognise that parishioners are active in many other good causes not part of our parish.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR APRIL 2012 TO MARCH 2013

Income & Expenditure

	Apr '12 - Mar 13	Apr '11 - Mar 12
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Donations & Stole fees	2,465.95	3,553.50
Fundraising	1,752.40	1,200.00
Gift Aid Payment	3,479.73	3,943.23
Hall Hire	4,713.47	2,823.00
Interest received	0.00	110.00
Legacies Received	0.00	1,000.00
Offertory Collections	22,622.98	24,385.39
Repository Income	958.20	860.79
Restricted Income	837.83	816.87
Sundries Income	1,254.20	0.00
Total Income	38,084.76	38,692.78
Expense		
Bank Service Charges	231.77	175.68
Capital Expenditure	5,112.00	4,927.94
Church & Hall expenses	5,918.30	6,334.45
Clergy Salary	0.00	4,500.00
Diocesan quota paid	5,532.00	5,765.00
Foods & drinks	2,159.39	2,163.92
Gifts and Donations	0.00	150.00
House & Household C...	1,644.67	6,042.70
Insurance	906.72	926.95
Office expenses	1,593.30	2,802.60
Payment to clergy	7,355.25	499.50
Restricted Expenses	837.83	816.87
Sundries	670.00	780.00
Travel expenses	423.85	1,459.20
Utilities	4,997.10	4,016.17
Total Expense	37,382.18	41,360.98
Net Ordinary Income	702.58	-2,668.20

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2013

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash at bank and in hand

Business charge card	50.52
nrcdt Set off account	14,841.70
Petty cash	-193.67
St Hugh's No1	9,175.41

Total Cash at bank and in hand 23,873.96

Total Current Assets 23,873.96

NET CURRENT ASSETS 23,873.96

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NET ASSETS **23,873.96**

Capital and Reserves

Opening Bal Equity	10,507.87
Retained Earnings	12,663.51
Profit for the Year	702.58

Shareholder funds **23,873.96**