

SAINT HUGH'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting of 12th September 2013

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

Apologies: John Heaps, Anne-Marie Heaps, Lisa Radford & Ken Reeves.

1. Minutes of previous meeting: the minutes of 27th June were approved and signed.
2. Matters Arising: The presbytery outbuildings and the fence have been repaired.
3. Pastoral & Liturgy:
 - a) Supply during Holy Land pilgrimage: Fran at Oakwood has recorded a day by day diary with photographs at <http://thechurchonoakwood.org/news/2013/08/7/holy-land-pilgrimage-day-one> giving a good summary of the trip. Geoff gave a report saying he found it most inspiring.
 - b) Evangelisation: Terry said that Fr. Ka Fai was concerned that the spiritual side of Parish life needed a boost, and there would be emphasis on this for the AGM. Fr. Ka Fai wants to concentrate on enthusing our congregation rather than trying to attract non-Christians.
 - c) Retired Clergy: No news at the moment. Fr. Ka Fai suggested a second collection for the fund which was agreed for 20th October. The Diocesan website has a section for the Fund.
 - d) AGM: it is proposed that this year the report should be shorter, centred on the liturgy and the groups that support it, considering a much broader view of the Parish to initiate a discussion on its future direction. Tony Gregory, Terry and Fr. Ka Fai will meet on 3rd October to arrange the details for the meeting which will be on 1^{7th} October. It was agreed that parishioners will have the opportunity to contribute views for the report.
 - e) Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Ka Fai has approached potential new recruits. The course for volunteers starts in June and induction is in November.
 - f) Living Stones – it is now up to us to develop links with St Albans in a 'grass-roots upwards' approach.
4. Buildings:
 - a) Maintenance: The annual 'walk-round' is due. Terry, Joe Steve & Ian to do this on Thursday 19th Sept. The boiler service is due.
 - b) Security: after minor vandalism, CCTV has been installed around the premises.
 - c) Projects: The fitting out of the sacristy work room is waiting on the contractor.
 - d) Field: Joe is awaiting information from the Council on the options available. The grass needs controlling, perhaps a parishioner might have an animal that could graze there for a while?
5. Finance: The Gift Aid money has been received from HMRC, so finances are healthy for now. The Hall continues to attract bookings, and it was agreed to continue with the present hire rates. Users to be advised of the coming 33% increase in electricity charges and asked to be economical. Agreed to review the cleaner's pay from November.
6. Any Other Business: Ian asked if the gospel acclamation could be sung. There is no fixed wording. Tony agreed to discuss it with the Music Group. Fr. Peterkin is supplying on 22nd September, Steve agreed to collect him from his home and return him after Mass.
7. Next Meeting: 7th November 2013 at 7pm. Note AGM date 17th October 2013.