

SAINT HUGH'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting of 23rd January 2014

Attending: Fr. Ka Fai Lee (President), Tony Gregory (chairman), Steve Hemsall, Tony Heron, Joe Rudski, John Heaps Geoff Dennis & Terry McMenamin (secretary).

Apologies: John Burns, Ken Reeves, Ian Chater, Mary Chater, Anne-Marie Heaps.

1. Minutes of previous meeting: the minutes of 7th November were approved.
2. Matters Arising: None.
3. Pastoral & Liturgy:
 - a) Mass Attendance: average for 2013 is 118. However, comparing figures from August 2012 (when the change to a single Sunday Mass occurred) and from August 2013, we have gone from 119 to 111, a loss of 8. Fr. Ka Fai commented that people will now be going to other Masses in place of the former Sunday evening Mass.
 - b) Children's Liturgy – no report in absence of any leaders.
 - c) Website – Terry will tidy up the site and eliminate old news.
4. Buildings:
 - a) Maintenance: The boilers and fire extinguishers have been serviced, and sundry repairs completed.
 - b) Projects: Improved security lighting is to be fitted w/c 27th January. The fitting out of the sacristy work room is delayed again, work to commence on 3rd February.
 - c) Field: Terry suggested that we have a need for more parking spaces, as people park in Princess Drive, potentially causing nuisance to residents, in the surgery car park and the presbytery drive, which both involve crossing Derby Road, and sometimes on Derby Road near the Church, causing a hazard to road users. By surfacing a 5-6m strip of the field alongside the existing tarmac area we could gain another 10-12 parking spaces. Joe will explore the possibility of obtaining permission.
1. Finance: The finances remain in reasonable health. Reserves are £31k.
7. Any Other Business:
 - a) Geoff Dennis has resigned as Barnabas Aid Fund representative as he is now acting for the Friends of the Holy Land; he is also organising a related ecumenical event on 25th February. Arrangements are in progress for the Theologian's talk in lent.
 - b) Anne-Marie has difficulty in getting to the meeting for 7pm and asked if it could be moved to 7.30pm. Another member has to collect family after the meeting. It was agreed that Anne-Marie should come at 7.30pm when she should be in good time for the Children's Liturgy.
 - c) Holiday – Fr. Ka Fai has not made any holiday plans.
 - d) Retired Clergy – £1.25m of the £4m target has been promised. A second collection will be taken for the fund.
 - e) Appeals – Fr. Ka Fai has many appeal requests. Tony will arrange one for Missio.
 - f) Hall security: it was agreed that the Hall should be locked with the mortise lock, and only opened shortly before hire times. Many people know the digital lock. Terry will get extra keys made. Secure lockers are required to prevent future losses such as the loss of decorations and Santa outfit.
 - g) Terry is planning to renovate the sliding doors with assistance. The door pockets will be renewed as part of the work; the space behind may be exposed for a few days.
6. Next Meeting: 6th March 2014 at 7pm.