

SS ALBAN AND STEPHEN RC CHURCH
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Report from the meeting on Wednesday, 11th October 2017

- **Helen Bassill** was welcomed as the PPC representative for Parish Friends.
 - **Strategy Groups:** reports were received from the groups that had met recently: Justice, Peace & the Integrity of Creation, Mission, Parish Friends and Youth. These will be posted to the website.
 - **Parish 3 Year Plan:** Each Strategy Group is asked to develop a 3 year plan indicating how they will use their special areas of focus and particular talents to address the 3 priorities agreed at the Parish Assembly in June: Engaging young people, Leadership of the Laity and Communication. These plans will be integrated along with other parish operational activities into an overall 3 year plan which will be used as a reference guide for the direction of the parish. The PPC discussed next steps to increase the much needed involvement of more parishioners in various aspects of parish life. A further meeting for interested parishioners will be held at 8pm on 15th November.
 - **Face to face Confession:** Some parishioners have expressed an interest in more opportunity for face to face confession. Arrangements are being investigated.
 - **Eucharistic Ministers:** There is an urgent need for more people to volunteer to become Eucharistic Ministers, especially at the 7pm Mass each Sunday.
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- **Parish Christmas Card:** Preparation is underway and will continue to focus on Christmas services in the parish.

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- **St Albans Winter Beds Project:** A request has been received from the Steering Board for experienced volunteers to take on leadership roles for Training & Development Lead, Volunteer Coordination, Fundraising and Communication. The opportunities and details on how to apply will be advertised in the bulletin.

- **Homeless visitor:** It has been confirmed that accommodation is provided in Open Door for the homeless visitor who occasionally sleeps in the church car park.

- **Caretaker:** The role is being advertised in the Parish Bulletin, Parish website and Diocese of Westminster website.

- **Fire Practice:** A meeting for Volunteer Fire Wardens has been arranged for 18th October to organise a fire practice at mass. This is a legal requirement.

- **Upcoming events:**

- **Beloved Disciples:** CAFÉ course aimed at the over 60s will run on 4 Thursdays after 10am Mass starting 2nd November.

- **Advent Talks:** on the theme of the Nativity reflected in Today's World starting on 21st November.

- **Eucharistic Congress- Adoremus:** Liverpool September 2018. Planning is beginning in the Diocese of Westminster for each parish to be represented.