

**SS ALBAN AND STEPHEN RC CHURCH
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10th March 2014**

Persons Present: Fr Tom Hewitt, Fr Jimmy Stubbs, Sr Anita, Peter Berners Lee, Joanna Roche, Brendan Day, Mike White, David Myles and Cath White

Apologies received: Fr Charles Sweeney, Rev Steve Pickard, James O'Hare and Helen Bassill

Parish Assembly and Pastoral Council Objectives:

1. To make the Church more alive and open to the Spirit and to further the spread of the Kingdom of God;
2. To provide a structure for constructive dialogue with the Parish Community and thus serve as a means of consultation and communication in the Parish;
3. To ensure an ongoing assessment of the spiritual, social and human needs of the Parish and to foster ways to meet these needs; and

To draw out, draw together, and draw upon the talents and gifts of the Christian Community in the Parish. "As each one has received a gift use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Peter 4:10)

1. Matters arising from previous meeting

Minutes accepted.

Matters arising – the next PPC meeting will be on Monday 7th April to avoid clashing with Holy Week.

Semi permanent signs have been put above the doors to mark them as the entrance.

2. Reports from groups

Communication

Magazine currently being proof read and it is hoped that it will be sold on the last two Sundays of lent.

Database has been slow in getting written partly due to people's other commitments.

Mike Walsh had sent in a number of comments about the website responding to people's previous comments. It was suggested after some discussion that a group of interested people from the PPC and other groups met with him to discuss in detail their needs.

A date will be organised after Easter. It is important that the right people are invited so he gets useful feedback.

Neighbourhood links

Role is not clearly defined so people make what they want to of it. There was a suggestion that we regularly have NL masses with coffee afterwards so people can discuss what they are doing in their area.

PPC asked Cath to feedback our appreciation of all they are doing.

Parish Friends

Report received but no further discussion.

Youth

All running smoothly and Sr Anita seems to be settling into her role.

The Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion will be celebrated in several services after Easter.

Worship

Mike apologised that no report was received.

Alpha course has now finished and there is some talk that the group will continue to meet.

Justice and Peace

No report received.

3. Priests report

Hall has now officially been handed over with all the paperwork. There is still some snagging to finish off, e.g. tiling the toilets, microwave needs replacing etc.

There was a disappointing number of applications for the post of head at Ss Albans and Stephens primary school so the job will be advertised again. St John Fisher is also currently advertising.

Easter Card now ready to go to the printers, market stall will be on 5th April.

4. Any other business

A question was raised as to who organises the Eucharistic ministers visits to people who are not able to get to church. Anne Myles is going to organise Eucharistic Ministry rotas for the church. If we need more volunteers to visit in the homes we should write to all of these and ask if they would like to volunteer on a regular basis.

Opening up of the church, weekdays from 5-7 before mass and in the mornings until 1.30pm, Fr Tom advertised for people to come forward to help with this ministry. Not quite enough response but he has decided that we should go ahead on a trial basis.

Date of Next meeting – 7th April 2014, Peter to lead the opening prayer.