

STM PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes 29 September 2016

Meeting opened: 7:04pm

PPC Members: Mariel Adams, David Broom, Marysa Coulter, Neil Dawson (Chair), Rosemary Farrow, Father Darryl Jordan, Tim Hackwell.

Secretary: Sue Morris

1. **Opening prayer:** Father Darryl

2. **Apologies for absence**
Kevin Burnham.

3. **Matters arising from previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting 28.07.16 were agreed by electronic mail. However, Father Darryl noted at the meeting that the several new vestments had been donated and not two as recorded in the minutes (Section 4: Parish: Ordinariate).

Chairs

Ongoing action: **Tim Hackwell** to arrange for the (hall) chairs to be checked and the missing screws replaced.

Presentation

Father Norman Tanner has agreed to celebrate Mass at 6.30pm on December 1st followed by a talk on the history of the Eucharist/Mass as discussed at the last meeting.

Clergy moves

There is no further information on the intended clergy moves.

4. **Parish**

Youth involvement and activities

Nothing to report.

Update on financial picture in the Parish

A sheet was distributed at the meeting detailing the income and expenditure for the year ending 31.08.16 and the amounts in the two bank accounts and the amount available through the Living Our Faith initiative. Steve Ferris had noted to the Chair that overall the weekly collection was about £20 higher than at this point last year.

The bequest from Jo Cassidy is to be used for the new noticeboard and the hall blinds.

The accounts will be submitted to the diocese next month. Peter Brittan will attend the next PPC meeting to give an update.

Health and Safety

Nothing to report.

Social activities

Harvest festival

The Harvest Festival celebration was held 17.09.16 and an enjoyable time was had by all who attended. The proceeds (£151.20) were divided equally between CAFOD and general church funds. The PPC wished to extend their thanks to all who worked so hard to make the evening a success especially Linda Cunniffe.

Wartime concert "We'll Meet Again" 12 November

It was noted that the organiser has decided not to hold this event but will organise a "Songs of Praise" or similar event before Lent.

Christmas lunch

This was discussed briefly. Last year for the first time this event was held after Christmas.

Quiz

David Broom volunteered to run another quiz evening in the New Year.

Ordinariate

Father Darryl noted that there was nothing of great significance to report. However, the PPC's attention was drawn to an article by Damien Thompson (a very conservative catholic author) in a

recent edition of the Catholic Herald entitled "Britain's Ordinariate is in peril. Here is how to save it". The article has caused a lot of alarm and charts the difficulties being encountered by the Ordinariate in the UK.

Updating website

Action: David Broom to update the instructions for updating the website.

5. Diocesan

Father Darryl noted that there will be a letter from the Bishop read at the following weekend Masses.

6. Pastoral area

Neil Dawson had previously circulated by electronic mail full details of the Alpha course being run by Richard Martin, Director of Lay Formation for the Avon Stour Pastoral Area. There is an information meeting next Tuesday 4th October 7.15-9.15 pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre for anyone wishing to help.

The next networking event is being held at Our Lady of Sorrows church hall in Fordingbridge 10.11.16 (7.15-9.15pm). Neil Dawson is unable to attend this one.

Marysa Coulter reported that a "Welcome to Worship" event was being held in STM's church hall 16.11.16 (7.00-8.00pm). A handout on this are to be distributed at Masses the following weekend. Marysa Coulter asked for help with the refreshments and Mariel Adams volunteered to assist.

Father Darryl noted that Pastoral Area information is no longer being published in the STM newsletter but is covered in a separate newsletter issued by the Pastoral Area. However, if there is anything in particular that anyone thinks should be brought to the attention of Parishioners it can be entered into the notebook and Father Darryl will make an appropriate announcement after Mass.

7. Correspondence

None.

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Name**

It was discussed if the PPC (Parish Pastoral Council) should rename itself LPC (Local Pastoral/Parish Council). However, now the Pastoral Area has a new Evangelisation Strategy Team (EST) there should not be the same confusion. It was agreed that there was no need to change title.

Newsletter

It was reported that several Parishioners had raised concerns about the new format newsletter (one side Redemptorist commentary and the other Parish notices). The reasons for the change were discussed with conflicting information being offered. The PPC was also informed that the person who currently prepares the newsletter was withdrawing from her work in the Parish Office. A lengthy discussion about the two matters which resulted in various other issues being raised one of which was how Parishioners concerns were being dealt with, the loss of long-standing Parishioners who are moving to another Parish or no longer attending Mass and the length of Masses. This latter point was more a concern regarding the Sunday Masses which traditionally attract more families with young children and often take over an hour and twenty minutes or more if there is a baptism.

Since some of the issues raised were emotive the following action was agreed:-

Action: All to email Neil Dawson with their concerns together with any concerns from others that have been raised with them. Suggestions and solutions to address the issues to be included if possible.

Action: Neil Dawson to compile the responses for (anonymous) discussion at the next meeting.

9. Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be **Thursday 3rd November at 7.00pm.**

10. Refreshments for next meeting: Sue Morris

11. Closing prayer: Father Darryl.

Meeting ended at 9.03pm