

Blessed Hugh Church Faringdon
PPC Meeting 14th September 2023
8.15 p.m.

Present : Aude, Darren & Venessa, Paul, JP, Kathleen, Lorraine, Fr Claro,

Apologies : Michael ; Nicole

Opening prayer said by Fr Claro

Items

1. Matters arising and actions from the last meeting (July)

Action	Person Responsible	Outcome
	Mike, Aude & JP	Done but difficult to organise.
Add resources for young children to the “Deepening your understanding” webpage	Kathleen & JP	Kathleen has done some investigation but hasn’t had much luck as not great material so far but is doing some further investigate on several ‘you tube’ channels. Plus, will speak to representatives at Catechists Day on the 30 th September.
Recruit people to do talks for Wednesday evening next year.	All	JP has another 3 people to deliver interesting talks. Going forward we have one organised for October (Lynn Williamson). We agreed that we would change the night in the new year from Wednesday to Thursday and that we would do them bi-monthly starting with the first in February. We will not have a talk in November or December as we already have other events organised for those months. The next evening talk is 20th September, and then there will be one in October, and then none until February.
Support Mary Poole in arranging a Mass in Southmoor in September.	Lorraine	Lorraine to confirm date with Mary on Sunday 17 th Sept. and confirm with Fr Claro.
Cost up a trip for the Youth of the Parish.	Nicole	To be discussed at next meeting.
Look at hall availability and suitable dates for a Harvest Bazaar fundraiser in early September	JP	All organised for this Saturday 16 th 11am to 2pm – Aude to share on Faringdon Facebook page. Still looking for volunteers.
Look at hall availability and suitable dates for a Quiz and Curry Night fundraiser end of November.	JP	All sorted for 18 th November. Whatever Curry is left will be sold at the end of the night, need to purchase foil trays. Quiz will include 10 rounds, pub quiz format.

Zoom Account	Kathleen	Done but requires Kathleen to follow up with Audrey on details for setting up future meetings.
Welcome people to Mass and give out the hymn books.	All	Done

Additional agenda items:

1. Christmas / Advent Activities – JP suggested doing something on the weeks leading up to Christmas. Will discuss further at October meeting after we find out what the programme is for Advent with Church's together in Faringdon.
2. JP raised the questions - How do we encourage people to come to the Church for Mass on Sunday - either for the 1st time or back after a period. As a community we need to welcome more people. Lorraine to talk to finance committee about notice board and stand for leaflets outside front of Church. Kathleen to talk to youth about - how can we promote the Church in the Farringdon and local area on social media.
3. JP suggested an event at the start of Lent - trying to do an event on Pancake Tuesday / Ash Wednesday – offering the sacrament of reconciliation. JP to organise with a task and finish group. Date of Pancake Tuesday 13th February / Ash Wednesday 14th
4. Food in Church – Need to be more considerate of people with allergies. Flags and sign to be made available plus people who bring in food will be asked to include a list of ingredients. Peanut ban requested. Darren to follow up on information about epi-pen kit.
5. How do we encourage new parishioners to get more involved? We need to try to get to know the individuals first and then encourage them to take a more active role.
6. Activates organised by the dioceses.

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Christmas / Advent activities	JP / Fr Claro / Kathleen / Lorraine	
Publicity to encourage more new people to come into the church	All / Lorraine / Kathleen /	
Events for start of Lent	JP / Darren / Vanessa / Fr Claro	
Food brought into Church	All	
Encourage new parishioners to get involved?	Darren / All	

Next Meeting:

- October 19th at 8:15 – Chair – Kathleen
Minutes – JP
- November 16th at 8:15- Chair – Paul
Minutes – Vanessa
- December 14th at 8:15- Chair – Lorraine
Minutes – Kathleen

