

Blessed Hugh Church Faringdon

PPC Meeting minutes 15th December 2022

7.15pm – 8.30pm approx.

Agenda

Mission Statement

- To go out and Mission to Everyone;
- Support and Strengthen the Community;
- Prayerful and Committed to the Faith;
- Outreach to ethnic minorities;
- Outreach to key workers;
- To Nurture the young people and youth of our parish to ensure they feel valued members of our community.

• Agenda

1. Opening Prayer
2. Apologies
3. Matters arising and actions from the last meeting

Action	Person responsible	Time for completion
Create a summary page of all Parish activities for our website,	JP & All PPC to send notes	15 th Dec
Large wicker basket for food donations for food bank	KT	ASAP
Announce food collection for food bank and take to Pump House each week	PP	Weekly
Announce CAFOD advent cake sale	JPC	Sunday 20 th Nov
Find more volunteers for Wednesdays throughout the winter to aid in the parish contribution to the warm spaces initiative.	PP	Ongoing
Invite those who were confirmed this year to attend the next PPC meeting	Fr Claro	At Friday night youth meeting.
Personally approach the parents of the children attending children's liturgy to see if any would volunteer to take the children's liturgy.	LB/KT	Every Sunday

4. Diocesan 10 Year Plan
5. Closer to Christ update
6. Evangelisation
7. AOB
8. Closing prayer

Present: Fr Claro Conde, Lorraine Brabin Paul Padley; Nicole Kamugishan; JP Crilly

Apologies: Kathleen Thomas.

1. Matters Arising:

Action	Responsible	Time for completion / Status
Create a summary page of all Parish activities for our website,	JP	Some suggestions received. Ongoing .JP to send PPC notes c/f
Large wicker basket for food donations for food bank	KT	Merged with item below. Closed.
Announce food collection for food bank and take to Pump House each week	PP	Announcement made; box placed in porch has filled with xmas items which have been taken to food bank. Closed.
Announce CAFOD advent cake sale	JPC	Sunday 20 th Nov. Successful sale held. Closed
Find more volunteers for Wednesdays throughout the winter to aid in the parish contribution to the warm spaces initiative.	PP	Sessions suspended due to illness. More volunteers have come forward. To be reviewed in the new year. Friday lunch sessions going well. c/f
Young People on PPC Invite those who were confirmed this year to attend the next PPC meeting	Fr Claro	At Friday night youth meeting. Fr Claro has asked several young people invited but no takers. Merged with item below. Closed
Friday Youth Group	NC	This is working well with good participation. The group discusses the gospel readings and a range of real world topics e.g. kindness; what it means to have faith. There is good participation and the children are keen to learn. Subject to safeguarding checks could we ask the older children if they are interested in joining the PPC. c/f
Children's Liturgy / Young people Personally approach the parents of the children attending children's liturgy to see if any would volunteer to take the children's liturgy.	LB/KT	Every Sunday. Ongoing c/f

2. 10 Year Plan

KT has distributed the consolidated document to the Parish and Chris Harrison. Fr Claro will send more documents.

Action Fr Claro

3. Closer to Christ

The first of the launch meetings led by the fund raiser, Matt prior to the PPC.

PP and LB summarised the meeting. There was a spirited discussion in which JP voiced his reservations about the way the request for funds had been done. The discussion brought out the following points:

- that the monies were additional to current giving
- that the diocese was hoping to persuade people to make a 'pledge' so the diocese can forecast income.
- The pledges are not legally binding and can be revoked at any time if circumstances change.
- that the main purpose was to support seminarians, retired priests and those in post
- that this money is needed to safeguard training of the next generation of priests and to meet our obligations to support retired priests
- that giving was not mandatory
- that the hiring by the diocese of a professional full time fund raising organisation rather than relying on volunteers was a necessary to practically raise the funds in the time required.

While mathematically our parish target of £40,000 was not much if spread over all parishioners Matt said that in practice for various reasons it normally happens that a minority of better off parishioners end up contributing the majority of the funds. He handed out folders containing information brochures and giving forms which provide for several methods of giving.

The plan is to deliver more intimate launch sessions like this one in the new year; and presentations to the whole parish, with a view to concluding efforts by the end of February 23.

4. Evangelisation

JP presented some ideas on evangelisation activities for 2023. Some suggestions might be:

- A living crib for Christmas 2023
- Talks in the church hall on topics such as
- GK Chesterton, author of works with Christian themes
- Talks on art works with a Christian message
- Talk on Mary, Mother of God...a talk by Rev Talisker,
- A talk by Rev Pickering
- Processions around Faringdon on Christian Feast Days
- A talk on the Catholic symbols you see in a Catholic church

5. AOB: Christmas Eve

Fr Claro suggested some fun activities for our youth; dressing up in national nativity costumes and taking selfies in the crib. Nicole to float the idea with her group.

Action NC

Next meeting

Thursday January 19th 2023