

**Blessed Hugh Church Faringdon**  
**PPC Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**8.15pm – 9.30pm approx.**

**Present:** Fr C Conde, P Padley, JP Crilly, K Thomas

**Apologies:**

**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.

1. Opening Prayer- lead by Father Claro
2. Apologies- none
3. Matters arising and actions from the last meeting

<b>Action</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Chase up list of Blessed Hugh charities with Andrew Chell	JPC	JP has list from Andrew he will rough up a page ready for next meeting and other member will send him lists of parish activities to help.
Attend Area X meeting regarding Diocesan 10 year plan in Wantage	KT/LB	Attended by KT, LB and Fr Claro
Create a summary page of all Parish activities for our website,	All PPC	As above
Large wicker basket for food donations for food bank	KT	Paul has a box there at the moment but KT will bring basket.
Announce food collection for food bank and take to Pump House each week	PP	Next few Sundays by Paul
Arrange joint PPC/Finance committee meeting to which a representative of the diocese's Closer to Christ initiative will be invited	LB	Lorraine has organised this and two meetings have taken place. This matter is now being dealt with by the Finance committee.

Organise CAFOD advent cake sale 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 11 to 1pm	JPC	Cake sale booked and advertised, volunteers now needed.
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	NK/HB	Fr Claro to mention it in a youth gathering on Friday evening.
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

- a. KT has received all written feedback. Will send to Fr Claro and PPC before sending to Diocese by 15<sup>th</sup> Dec.
- b. Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> November in Wantage- KT, LB and Fr Claro went. Mixture of laity and clergy at the meeting. Area X plan to be formulated over the next year, a lot of discussion about how vague the Diocesan plan is and the consensus is that it gives us scope to create a plan that best suits our area. Some things not relevant to Blessed Hugh, e.g. management of schools and centralising paid admin functions. The main change in the future for Blessed Hugh will perhaps be the lack of a priest. Laity need trained to conduct Liturgy of the word services with Communion distribution. This training should be provided by the Diocese.
- c. Fr Claro said that we also need to train some more Eucharistic ministers to minister to the sick. He suggested JP and Paul.
- d. It was agreed that we benefit from being close to Oxford because we have plenty of priests in religious orders who can come and say Mass when we don't have a priest.

#### 5. Advent service – update

- a. KT and LB have prepared the service and Tony Fetcher is printing it. Sjoerd to find the readers.
- b. Will be at 4 pm on 27<sup>th</sup> November at Blessed Hugh Faringdon church.

#### 6. Recent Communication on Fund raising from Bishop – Closer to Christ

- a. Lorraine, Fr Claro, Andrew and Kathleen have met with Matt Bloomer from the Closer to Christ team as a joint meeting of the PPC and Finance committee. This matter is now being dealt with by the Finance committee and a further meeting has taken place today.

#### 7. AOB

- a. **Warm Spaces** initiative is up and running. More volunteers needed, Paul to make an announcement in Sunday Mass. Friday meal at Blessed Hugh well attended but attendees have not built up yet for Wednesdays probably because of the mild weather.
- b. **Youth Ministry:** It was wonderful to see four youth members of our church helping out with Rory's Christening meal. They worked very hard and it was great to see them engaging with everyone. They enjoyed the responsibility. It was agreed that

we will continue to find responsible roles for our youth to make them feel valued.  
E.g. getting them to join some PPC meetings.

- c. **CAFOD** Paul has picked up the letters for the Fix the Food System Campaign to be posted. Family Fast Day envelopes will be distributed in the church this Sunday. JP will announce the cake sale on Sunday and ask for volunteers to bake cakes.

A further discussion followed about general evangelisation and its challenges. JP suggested that a series of witty memes posted in the garden of the church for passers by to see would serve both to educate and change perceptions of the Catholic church. Paul suggested that the gentle serving of people's needs will generate interest over time e.g. the Warm Spaces provision.

Date of next meeting

December meeting: 15<sup>th</sup> December

Chair: JPC; Minute-taker: PP

January meeting: 19<sup>th</sup> January

Chair: PP; Minute-taker: KT

Closing prayer led by Paul Padley

Action points

Action	Person responsible	Time for completion
Create a summary page of all Parish activities for our website,	JP & All PPC to send notes	15 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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