

**Blessed Hugh Church Faringdon**  
**PPC Minutes 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

8.15 p.m.

**Present :** Aude, Michael, Vanessa, Darren, Paul, Fr Claro,

**Apologies :** JP, Kathleen, Lorraine

**Opening prayer:** Father Claro

**Items**

Matters arising and actions from the last meeting

Action	Person Responsible	Outcome
Christmas / Advent activities	JP / Fr Claro / Kathleen / Lorraine	Churches together are interested in a live crib. Paul to look into logistics. No events planned that would clash with JP's lent idea so could go ahead.
Add resources for young children to the "Deepening your understanding" webpage	Kathleen & JP	JP has found some resources and Kathleen going through resources from Winchester training day to select child friendly ones.
Publicity to encourage more new people to come into the church. Notice board, social media.	All / Lorraine / Kathleen /	Ongoing. Point was made that we are grateful for the people we have, and we should make it our mission to make them feel welcome.
Support Mary Poole in arranging a Mass in Southmoor in September.	Lorraine	Mary keen to have a Mass before Christmas
Cost up a trip for the Youth of the Parish.	Nicole	This will be postponed until new year. Parents will be approached first to contribute to the cost before asking the Parish.
Encourage new parishioners to get involved?	Darren / All	Again, we need to make them feel welcome and once they start to come regularly we can
Events for start of Lent	JP / Darren / Vanessa / Fr Claro	Shrove Tuesday Event still at planning stage. Churches in Faringdon want to start a committee to plan Lent so we need to ask if anyone will be interested in joining.

1. Live crib (JP) -will not be happening as JP is too busy. 17.12.23 – talk before Mass(Bavarian Christmas) still going ahead.

2. Youth group update (Kathleen & Lorraine) – costing up a trip for the youth

3. Children's liturgy update (Kathleen & Lorraine)

Kathleen and Lorraine attended a training day in Winchester with the Dominican sisters. Some useful resources shared and gave us confidence that we are on the right course. A common theme was that younger parents are needed to revitalise the group. We are very proud and grateful for the great job that Thianie is doing. It was suggested that Karen Frank is also approached to become a leader. We will invite potential leaders to attend to see what leading a session entails.

4. Young families group update (Aude /Mike/JP)  
Fr Claro to introduce Aude to a recently arrived Italian family, they are still on the lookout for other young families. Fr Claro suggested that perhaps the kids could put on a Nativity play/scene around Christmas. Aude organizing this for 6 pm Mass on 24.12.23.
5. Feast of Christ the King (Helena)  
Children's Mass and shared lunch will be planned with children doing readings, getting involved in the music, offertory procession etc.
6. Add resources for young children to the "Deepening your understanding" webpage (Kathleen & JP)
7. Evangelisation evening talks (JP) -Talk schedule arranged until February.
8. Diocesan training courses - Difficult to attend as only on in one time window. We will check if they have been recorded.
9. Aid to the Church in Need fundraising quiz (JP/ Paul/ Darren/ Vanessa/ Aude/ Mike) – Kathleen and JP unavailable due to family matters. Getting Pizza instead of Curry
10. Make new parishioners feel welcome (All)
11. Shrove Tuesday event (JP)
12. Open Church (Lorraine) - checked with Diocese and there is no insurance implications when we leave the Church open. The Diocese are pleased with this initiative and were very encouraging. We just need to ensure that there are no lit candles and do a Risk Assessment on people being alone in the church. Battery operated tea lights could replace the candles
13. Support Mary Poole in arranging a Mass in Southmoor – postponed to next Summer.
14. The Wave holiday club (Kathleen) They want to set up a planning committee, it was suggested that some key parents would be approached to see if they are interested.

**Closing prayer led by Fr Claro**

**Next Meeting:**

December 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:15-

Chair – Lorraine

Minutes – Kathleen