

Blessed Hugh Church Faringdon

PPC Minutes 18th May 2023

8.15 p.m.

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.

Present: Fr C Conde, Darren & Vanessa Hall, Lorraine Brabin, Kathleen Thomas, JP Crilly, Aude & Mike Lubienski, Paul Padley, Lien Mitchell

Apologies

Opening prayer

Items

1. Matters arising and actions from the last meeting

Action	Person Responsible	Outcome?
Youth Group meeting in Church Hall – Fr John Bosco	Fr Claro / Helena	Done. Very successful. Friar John Bosco is coming again this Friday.
Six Holy Habits – How can we assist the parish community in developing them – Did they appear in the latest Newsletter.	Fr Claro / JP / Paul	In newsletter, On website
See what interest there is for s a shared lunch for Pentecost	JP, Paul and Kathleen	Done. Is occurring. No CTiF involvement .
Check with Mary Hughes if there is anything we need to do with Tianie regarding safeguarding and DBS checks.	Kathleen	Mary has got the forms, filled in by Tianie.
Website resources- should we have a page with links to useful resources for people to learn more about the faith?	JP	Done
Evangelisation – update on future speakers	Paul	

1. Youth group update- Friar John Bosco meeting went very well. The friar is coming again this Friday. *Action- update for June meeting (Helena & Nicole).*
2. Children's liturgy update- KT says going fine. Seems to be enough people doing it for the rota to be manageable. Good book being used. Number of children is very variable, but they all seem to enjoy it.
LB- what is the plan for First Holy Communion next year?

Fr CC- no definite dates yet, but some candidates already. Marisa Gomez is collecting names of candidates.

Action- need to put it in the newsletter to ask for candidates (over 8). Also need to decide who will lead it and also when it should start. Require children who will do First Holy Communion to attend children's liturgy. (Kathleen).

LB- should also ask for confirmation candidates for 2024.

Action- similarly need to ask in newsletter for candidates (15-16) (Kathleen)

3. Young families group update. JPC – we have put a notice in the newsletter asking for feedback. Also set up a WhatsApp group for young families.

ML- WhatsApp group is supportive for the community. Publicise good things to do with small children.

KT- could have a babysitting circle.

Discussion about whether we expand this out. Plan to gel the group first, then possibly expand out to CTiF.

Action- invite everyone with young children at church to join the WhatsApp group (Jp, Mike & Aude)

4. Website resources- should we have a page with links to useful resources for people to learn more about the faith?

Action – add children's resources to the webpage. Kathleen to let JP know.

5. Charities update

LB- Closer to Christ email update- everyone should be able to sign up to this.

PP- CAFOD Fix the Food System has moved to a second phase. Initiative to focus on developing world farmers being allowed to keep using their own seed varieties- as moves afoot by World Bank to limit farmers choice of seeds to those of certain large agri-businesses. Open letter for everyone to sign to send to CAFOD to send to the World Bank (on the wall of the church hall). Also have letters to send to the Chancellor and Foreign Secretary.

LB- can this be done on the website by email?

JPC- could we send letters to local MPs too?

PP- MPs snowed under with letters. Best way to influence is to communicate with parliamentary committees.

LB- Ministers likely to ignore the letters. Better to contact MP and committees

DH- suggests an online petition. If reaches 100,000 signatures it MUST be read in Parliament.

KT- could tweet MPs and ministers- will start to get traction and will be seen by lots of people.

AM- Have CAFOD done these things already?

Action- get parishioners to sign the letter in the church hall. (Paul & JP)

Action- suggest the other approaches to CAFOD (JP)

6. Evangelisation- update on future talks.

KT- an Advent talk- "How to have a non-commercial Christmas"

JPC- suggested KT give this talk. Sounds excellent.

Action- what talks for the new year? Topic suggestions please (All)

7. Bishop Philip's "Six Holy Habits"- these are in other parishes' newsletters as a standing item- should we include them in ours? How could we assist the parish community in developing them?

LB- agreed would appear regularly in the newsletter.

KT- recapped the list from the website. Are people aware that father is available for confession before Mass on Sunday.

VH- it is a bit loud before Mass, and there are a lot of people around. Not perhaps conducive environment.

LB- is there another time that would be better?

Fr CC- a good number emailed for confession during Holy Week, but when he sat in the church on Saturday, no one came.

AM- said that it would be better perhaps if we just have the emailing of Fr Claro as standard.
 LB- we have the Bible study group- do we have any other groups?
 Fr CC- we have a Rosary group- but do not meet regularly. Another group in Shrivenham that meets every Thursday. Buckland rosary group- just been set up- will be in the house of Helena. Mary Poole plans to set up a group in Southmoor. Perhaps a group in Stanford?
Action- support Mary Poole in setting up a Southmoor group (Lorraine).
Action – keep this a recurring item

8. AOB

VH- Is there a Flores de Mayo this year?
 Fr CC- no, nothing organised this year

Next meeting- Thursday 22nd June. Chair- KT, Minutes-AM
 July PPC meeting- Thursday 20th July. Chair- ML, Minutes- KT
 September PPC meeting- Thursday 14th September. Chair- DH, Minutes- LB

Closing prayer

Action	Person Responsible	Action Date
Update on youth group activities	Nicole & Helena	June PPC meeting
Newsletter notice to ask for candidates for First Holy Communion for next year to send their details to Nerisa.	Kathleen	June
Newsletter notice to ask for candidates for Confirmation for next year to send their details to Nerisa.	Kathleen	June
Invite all young families at Mass to join the young families WhatsApp group	Mike, Aude & JP	On going
Add resources for young children to the “Deepening your understanding” webpage	Kathleen & JP	Ongoing
Get parishioners to sign CAFOD letter in church hall	Paul & JP	This Sunday
Enquire of CAFOD what other measures they have considered regarding the “Save our Seeds” initiative	JP & Paul	Immediate
New topics for Wednesday evening talks for next year	All	Ongoing
Support Mary Poole in setting up a Rosary Group in Southmoor	Lorraine	June
Keep the “Six Holy Habits” a recurring item in newsletter. Email Maria Cupit to this effect	JP	Immediate