

Blessed Hugh Church Faringdon

PPC Agenda 18th May 2026

8.30 pm – 9.30pm

Kathleen – Chair Darren – Minutes

Attending: Vanessa, Darren, JP, Kathleen, Ann O'Reilly, Nicole, Wilbroad, Lorraine, Fr Claro

Apologies: Helena, Karen, Peter Starr

AGENDA:

Fr Claro opened the meeting with a prayer.

- Matters & Actions arising from last meeting

Actions

1. Social Media -

- a. **Karen** will meet up with **Neil** to look at setting up a new Instagram page that can be linked with our current Facebook page and once sorted, she will put a notice in the Newsletter giving parishioners details on where to send material for social media to.

- i. **Action:** **Karen** was not available. Ongoing.

2. Update with regards Noticeboard–

- a. **JP**. Has talked to the company engaged ref the new sign. **JP** mentioned the utilising of the existing poles. They have said this may not be possible.

- i. **Action:** **JP** ongoing.

3. Youth Group –

- a. **Nichol & Helena. Nicole** updated us ref meeting with other Churches in Faringdon to organise a Pentecost Party for all Faringdon youth. They will be collecting the youth from School; they will then go to the United Reform Church. Itinerary will include Food, Praise & Worship, Short Talks and Songs. Estimated 17 will attend, praise will be in the 7 languages spoken by the group.

- i. **Action:** take place on Friday 22/05

4. Welcome Group Update –

- a. **Vanessa** explained that they now have 5 new members. This makes it easier for planning in advance and swapping if people are away. Jessica, one of the youth is also helping.

- i. **Action:** continue

5. Children's Liturgy Update –

- a. **Kathleen** explained that there are plenty of Volunteers and Children at the moment. However, some of the older children may step up to be alter servers soon. **Kathleen** and others have started the <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/join> Children's liturgy, Winchester Online course – 16/05 – which will continue Sat 23 & 30. Kathleen has expressed that the 1st day has already imparted new knowledge to her.

- i. **Action:** ongoing

6. First Communion Update –

- a. **Kathleen** has stated that the course has finished. We have 8 children for First Communion on 7 June at Blessed Hughs, Faringdon.
 - i. **Action:** End. Take place on 07/06/26
- 7. **Confirmation –**
 - a. **Wilbroad** has stated that the course has finished. Confirmation will take place at Didcot @ 1900 Hours on Friday 5th. Attendees must be there by the latest 1830-hours. Bishop Philip will be in attendance.
 - i. **Action:** End. Take place on 05/06/26
- 8. **RCIA –**
 - a. **JP & Peter Starr. JP** stated that the new course will start in the Autumn. He is unsure of if **PS** is planning any online zoom meeting with this year's RCIA course.
 - i. **Action:** Open
- 9. **Lift Rota –**
 - a. **Lorraine** has looked into if additional insurance is required for giving lifts to other Parish members to church. **Lorraine** is awaiting an answer from the Diocese.
 - i. **Action:** Pending answer
- 10. **Formation (Retreat update) –**
 - a. **Fr Claro** will invite Carmelites, Jon Bosco and Emmanuel to Church and **Lorraine** will approach them about a retreat when they are here.
 - i. **Action:** still in pipeline
- 11. **Evangelisation (Ananias Training update) –**
 - a. **Kathleen.** The course is quite expensive but there may be a possibility of doing it as a pastoral area. In the meantime, we can watch the videos of the Diocese website made by Bishop Philip on accompaniment.
 - i. **Action:** all PPC members to watch these two videos on accompaniment, links below.

<https://youtu.be/6DWydEyHNEU?si=EERu6cw7ntFX8q7p>

<https://youtu.be/3LtN2lhFLt8?si=WVKW6iXUtB74YWrS>

12. Pentecost 24th May

- a. **Kathleen** has created flyers for the Blessed Hugh Ministries as part of a recruitment fair to take place on the Sunday. These will be arranged on the “exam” tables.
- b. The **Costa family** will take care of the kitchen and
- c. All Parishioners are encouraged to bring food. This has been mentioned in church as well as on Website and in newsletter.
 - i. **Action:** People to help set up; Darren, Vanessa, Kathleen, Wilboard have volunteered.
 - ii. **JP** and **Vanessa** are on call; **JP** may be unable to attend.

New Business

1. Responses to Survey –

- a. JP read out the survey answers for people not attending Blessed Hughs.
- b. There were a few contradictory answers but over all the message seemed to be that they went elsewhere for convenience.

- c. One thing of note was at least two respondents said they disliked the use of a recording device. Another said they found it distracting and un-ceremonial.
 - i. **Action:** See below + possible future survey
- 2. **Recording device use during service –**
 - a. **JP** questioned whether there was still a need to live stream the service.
 - b. **Fr Claro** responded that there were 15 attendees from inside the parish and up to 1,000 viewers externally.
 - c. **Vanessa** asked if one of the other alter people could be in charge of moving the camera, setting the microphone height etc. Thus help **Fr Conde** in his duties and make these action in the service look more formal.
 - i. **Action: Paul** and the **alter servers** are to be asked if they can assist with these small duties.
- 3. **Corpus Christi procession –**
 - a. **Fr Conde** and **JP** said that it would happen again this year.
 - i. **Action:** To be arranged with a minimum of 3 marshallers arranged for the day.

REMINDER NOTE:

The **PPC** are reminded of the need to circulate in the hall after Mass and make sure the gathering parishioners are encouraged to get involved in Church life.

Fr Claro closed the meeting with a prayer.

NOTE: Gathering parishioners and getting them involved in Church life. PPC need to circulate in the hall after Mass and make sure people are encouraged to get involved.

*Next Meetings: 15th June: Chair: Lorraine Minutes: Ann Venue: 2030-hours Zoom
20th July: Chair: JP Minutes: Wilboard Venue: Kathleen's House at 1800-hours
August no PPC meeting*