

# Blessed Hugh Church Faringdon

## PPC Meeting 19th May 2022

### Minutes

#### Mission Statement

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

**Present:** Fr Claro, Audrey Curnock, Lorraine Brabin, JP Crilly & Kathleen Thomas

1. Opening Prayer
2. Apologies: Clare Cottingham
3. Matters arising from the last meeting 24.3.2022
  - a) Brief review of Easter

Easter services went well but the organisation was a little rushed. A list of actions for Easter has now been compiled and once refined it will be published as a sign-up sheet for parishioners to volunteer to help with the Easter Triduum. This should happen around Feb 2023 to allow time for organisation.

- b) Walk for Hunger

Walk for Hunger went well, Donations made on the day of the Parish walk were £235 which was later topped up by other donations totalling £140 after the event. Over the course of Lent parishioners took part in their own walks and fund raising which totalled another £1445.00.

A letter of thanks was sent to Fr Claro from Cafod and the PPC would like to thank JP for his initiative.

- c) Training of Ministers of the Eucharist

Before training can begin we need to recruit not only Eucharistic ministers but other ministries and people for the PPC. Some possible candidates were discussed and it was decided that they would be approached as well as putting a call to ministry in the Parish newsletter.

4. Zoom Masses end – 29<sup>th</sup> May is the last mass to be zoomed.  
(Bishop's conference decision) Inform parishioners,

Fr Claro will inform parishioners and there will also be a notice in the newsletter. Masses will still continue to be streamed via Facebook and we will look into a Wi-Fi microphone to improve the sound quality on Fr Claro's phone. JP will also contact Abingdon to see how they have set up their live streaming. The PPC would like to take this opportunity to thank Neil for his diligent service over the last 2.5 years in ensuring parishioners were able to attend Mass through Zoom.

5. Update on Sacramental preparation in the parish

-Confirmation (24 June) , Faith Cells                      Nicole/Helena/Fr Claro

Preparation going well, final arrangements being made on Friday. Lorraine will organise the purchase of Missals for the candidates on behalf of the Parish.

- First Holy Communion (12 June)                      Clare

The Preparation for the children receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist is all very positive. The parents have taken a very active role in delivering the content of the programme. The schedule for the receiving the Sacraments : Saturday 11th June 10.00am children receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation Sunday 12th June at 10.00 Mass, the children receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

-Baptisms    Fr Claro

There are 3 Baptisms arranged for June and July.

6. Pentecost

Pentecost is on 5<sup>th</sup> of June Fr Claro is hoping to make it an ethnic Mass with parishioners wearing their national costumes. He would also like to induct any new members of PPC that have been recruited so that they can be commissioned by the Holy Spirit on a Pentecost Sunday.

7. Ministry to Refugees – Ukrainians

Fr Claro has been meeting up with various Ukrainian refugees and he took some to the Buckland coffee morning. They would like to prepare some Ukrainian food in the church hall and invite parish members to get to know them and share in the food. Fr Claro is working hard to get our new Ukrainian parishioners involved with the life of our Church. They are going to be helping with the flowers, reading bidding prayers and serving on the altar.

Also as part of his Ethnic Chaplaincy Fr Claro has arranged a Procession and Mass for devotion to Mary on 28<sup>th</sup> May at 5.00pm for the Filipino community there will be food to follow in the hall afterwards and all parishioners are welcome.

8. JP Items ---

JP has noticed that when the Gloria and Our Father are being sung there are some parishioners not joining in. It was suggested that newcomers do not know the Blessed Hugh Mass and it may be useful to practice them for a few Sundays before Mass. It was also pointed out that the Mass sheets do not have the version of the Creed being said so it was agreed that sheets would be made with both versions of the Creed on either side. As a Church we provide well for the retired and children but there is not much provision for young working families with younger children. It was suggested that a toddler group would help young families to get to know each other. It could be open to all Faringdon families and could

be a means of welcoming new members into the Parish. This could take place on a weekend when working families are free. The one barrier will be finding someone to commit to running it. It was decided that this item will be rolled over to the next meeting for further discussion.

9. DATES : 4 meetings plus who will chair and minute them.

Date	Agenda and Chair	Minutes
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Lorraine	JP
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Kathleen	Lorraine
15 <sup>th</sup> September	JP	Kathleen
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Lorraine	JP

## 10. AOB

Pig Roast at Emily and Reggie's date set for 10<sup>th</sup> July.

Members of the PPC and Parish went to a diocesan meeting in Basingstoke on 12<sup>th</sup> of May, the title was "Let Us dream" Laity Consultation Day. A summary of the diocesan plan for the next 10 years was given, and this was discussed. It was decided that we would reach out to some local Nuns in our diocese to get an idea of what they think their role should be within the diocese over the next 10 years. Audrey will reach out.

## 11. Closing Prayers

Prayer said by Fr Claro.

Action	Person Carrying out the Action
Put a notice in the newsletter to ask for volunteers for PPC and other church ministries.	JP
Put a notice in the newsletter to announce the cessation of Zoom masses on 29 <sup>th</sup> May	JP
Put a notice in the newsletter to advertise the Parish Pig Roast on 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Kathleen
Let Ukrainians in villages who want to come to Mass that lifts can be arranged for them.	Fr Claro
Speak to Sjoerd about practicing Blessed Hugh Mass setting.	Kathleen
Get Creed sheets organised	Lorraine
Buy missals for the Confirmation candidates	Lorraine
Contact Abingdon to find out more about live streaming Masses	JP
Reach out to local Nuns	Audrey.