

Blessed Hugh Church Faringdon

PPC Minutes 20th July

6.00-7.00 p.m.

JP – Chair Kathleen – Minutes

Attending: Fr Claro, Nicole, Vanessa, JP, Daren, Kathleen

Apologies: Wiliboard, Lorraine, Ann, Paul

AGENDA:

Fr Claro to open meeting with a prayer.

- Matters & Actions arising from last meeting

Actions

1. Social Media -

- i.* **Karen** to provide update on social media for the parish. Karen not present, Kathleen will check on progress with her. *Action Kathleen*

2. Phone/livestreaming Mass

- a. **Fr Claro** to provide update Live streaming working well, process is smoother with Paul adjusting the phone camera.

3. Youth Group –

- i.* **Nicole & Helena** update on Pentecost Party on 22nd May. The Pentecost part was a great success. The kids mixed well and there were many activities for them to engage in. E.g. Singing and a Pop corn machine to illustrate points of Liturgy. The Friday meetings are still happening once a fortnight but we will soon lose 3 members as they go off to Uni. Members are being encouraged to invite their friends and there are plans to hold a BBQ in September once everyone is back from holiday. Topics that the kids study were discussed and parallels were drawn with GCSE RE course that will be taken by Year 10 students at FCC (14-15) Kathleen will get a list of topics studied at GCSE and if they can be woven into the programme it could help encourage kids to come as it will help with their exams as well as strengthen their faith. *Action Kathleen*

b.

4. Children's Liturgy Update –

- a. **Age groups that should and should not be attending.** After a discussion it was decided that the upper age limit should be 11 with a plan to provide something for the older kids and encourage them to become altar servers,
- b. **Provision for older children (other parishes doing “Young Disciples”)** The thinking is to provide something **for young people to fill the gap between First Communion and Confirmation.** This initiative has started in East Hendred where they are having 20 minute meetings after Mass once or twice a month. We will see how they get on. The resources will be prepared by David from East Hendred. We already fill this gap through our Youth group activities.

5. **RCIA –Peter Starr** happy to continue running RCIA within the parish Pastoral area Evangelium online course to run on Fridays. This will be an RCIA compliant course. Are we interested? After discussion it was decided that as Peter Starr is doing such a good job it would be a shame to replace the Blessed Hugh offering with Evangelium especially as we use our church hall on some Friday nights for the evening talks. However, if a candidate is unable to attend an RCIA session, they could attend one of the Evangelium sessions around the larger pastoral area and vice versa, people who miss an Evangelium session could attend Peter's RCIA sessions on a Wednesday evening.
6. **Lift Rota – Lorraine** to provide update. Lorraine has contacted Heather Hauschild, Chief Operating Officer of Portsmouth Diocese, but she hasn't had a response yet.
Action Lorraine
7. **Diocesan Liturgy group. Kathleen** provided update. We had some discussion in particular around youth catechises. The aim of this group/forum is to think what could be needed to support the Catechists in the Diocese and whether this is something that the group can do. Next meeting will be on Tuesday 28th July to continue the discussions and see if there are some projects that they could get up and running in the Diocese. This could be: Catechist retreat day, Online meetings/training prayer Catechist training. There is a Diocesan Catechist Day coming up on Saturday October 10th at St Bede's so it would be good to think what could come from this to further support the Catechists. Kathleen thought that there was a lot of overlap in this meeting with what is already being done both in our Parish and in the Diocese but will attend another meeting to see if it is useful.
8. **Pastoral Area Formation update – Kathleen** provided update. Children's Liturgy training that took place in Wantage was very well attended. The online training has been on-going; there are 5 attendees from Abingdon attending this training.
There was a discussion on the sharing of best practice and the possibility of new "recruits" visiting other parishes to help get started. The age range of attendees at children's liturgy was discussed and this varies across the PA. In general, it was thought that children who had made their FHC should be the cut off. We went on to discuss "Young Disciples" roll out. There is another activity in Didcot for post Confirmation which with youth becoming involved in similar activity to the SVP members. We went on to discuss RCIA – Sharing Best Practice representatives from Abingdon and Didcot are meeting to review their approach. The communication of what is happening in the Formation group will be communicated to parishes through a monthly "Formation Corner" update either as a message after Mass or in the newsletters.
9. **Date of next PPC meeting 21st September at 8.15**

Chair: TBC Minutes: Willboard

10. **AOB Church Car Park**, often the elderly and those with mobility issues struggle to find somewhere to park here. It was decided that a notice will be put in the

newsletter to remind parishioners to use the public carpark so that there are spaces for people with mobility issues. *Action JP*

Fr Claro closed meeting with a prayer

Next Meetings: 21st September 8.15 August no PPC meeting