

Blessed Hugh Church Faringdon

PPC Minutes 21st March 2024

8.15 pm – 9.30pm

Present ; Paul Padley, Vanessa and Darren Hall, Kathleen, Fr Claro, Karen Frank, Mike Lubinskei, Aude Echaliere

Apologies ; Lorraine, Nicole, JP,

Opening Prayer Lead by Fr Claro

Matters arising and actions from the last meeting

- Notice board: Costs to be established and discussed at Finance meeting.
- Social media: Karen has started an Instagram page and a discussion followed on the potential use of this tool to communicate with the Parish, the wider community and the other Churches in our Pastoral area. It was agreed that our Instagram page be re-set up through our existing Blessed Hugh Facebook account so that they can be properly linked **Action**, Karen to contact Neil Taylor.
- Mass in Southmoor – Mary Poole: Ongoing
- Communication for our elderly and infirmed parishioners who cannot access. Kathleen had a discussion with Margarita and it was decided that a quarterly newsletter be created specifically for our parishioners who cannot come to Mass. **Action**, Kathleen to make one and trial it to see how it goes.

Youth group update

- The Youth Group have not been able to meet since 23rd Feb but are meeting tomorrow night 22nd March.

Children's liturgy update

- Healthy number of liturgists, all going well.
- First Communion preparation going well. Parents are also attending the sessions which is really helping the children on their journeys.

Evangelisation

- Evening talks: Attendance fluctuates due to other competing events in Faringdon on the same evenings. A discussion followed to think of ways of improving attendance to make it worth the speaker's time. Wine and cheese was suggested and perhaps a few talks without too much emphasis on evangelisation because even getting people physically into the church is evangelisation. Fr Claro also feels that it is important to encourage our parishioners to come to Fr McBride's talks before Mass and stay for tea and coffee after Mass. This will help our Church to become a learning Church where formation takes place every Sunday.
- Parish walk (for CAFOD) The walk went well. Weather window for the walk was good and everyone enjoyed. **Action**, JP reminds us to make our donations on the following link. <https://cafod.org.uk/>
- Planned activities for major feast days of the church (e.g. shared "agape" lunch for **Pentecost, procession for Corpus Christi**) It was agreed that we will have a procession on Corpus Christi which will also be the First Communion day. **Action**, Darren to organise stewards and high viz jackets. It was also agreed that we would have a shared lunch on Pentecost Sunday.

Revision of Mission statement.

- JP has written revision, see below, **Action**, please read and send in agreement/amendments so that it can be posted on the website.

Mission: Our mission is to live out our Catholic faith and through witness and example bring people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church, in Faringdon and the surrounding area.

Aims:

1. To preach the Good News of Jesus Christ at all times, where necessary using words
2. To serve all the community, through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and rejoicing in finding and serving Christ in serving others
3. To nurture and instruct the children and young people of the parish, to make them strong and steadfast in faith, and full of the love of God.
4. To engage all parishioners in the ongoing growth and development of their faith, and to allow the flourishing of all their charisms

Plans:

1. Mission
2. Service
3. Instruction of the children
 - a. Children's liturgy
 - b. First Holy Communion and Confirmation preparation classes
 - c. Parish Youth Group
4. Development of the adults
 - a. Bible Study every Monday
 - b. Useful resources on the website
 - c. Encourage the sharing of books on theology from the parish library and between parishioners
 - d. Regular evening talks with a variety of internal and external speakers

AOB

JP prints for the Hall **Action**, Kathleen to print and laminate a couple on A3 along with a QR code link to a short video explanation of the art piece to be put up in the hall to see how they go.

Date next meeting

| | Chair | Minutes |
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| 25 th April | Kathleen | Vanessa |
| 23 rd May | Darren | Karen |
| 27 th June | Aude | Kathleen |

Closing prayer Lead by Fr claro

Recurring Zoom Meeting Details:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84977092277?pwd=xNahVnm3z3KXT071yaaypTURKzczaE.1>

Meeting ID: 849 7709 2277

Passcode: 308652