

Blessed Hugh Church Faringdon

PPC Minutes 22nd February 2024

8.15 pm – 9.30pm

1. Apologies : Vanessa – Darren – Karen – Paul – Nicole – Helena ;
Present : Fr. Claro, Mike, Aude, Kathleen, Lorraine, JP
2. Father opened the meeting with a prayer
3. Matters arising and actions from the last meeting (25th January)

Action	Person Responsible	Outcome/Actions
Continue to encourage potential Children's Liturgy leaders to observe a session	All liturgists	Update on 22/02/2024: Karen is going to lead the children's liturgy on Sunday; Maria would also like to be involved in the children's liturgy. Kathleen to add Maria to the rota; others to be added later in the year. We are short of the children's liturgy books (Kathleen to talk to Helena and Emmanuel Re: their neighbour who may have one)
Substantial wooden noticeboard to be on the agenda of the finance and maintenance committee.	Lorraine	Noticeboard for the front of the Church. Lorraine to take this item to the finance committee. Father Claro will have to confirm if he is allowing this expense or not. Father Claro asked to get a project proposal with cost and it will be discussed. Lorraine to put it on the agenda of the finance / maintenance committee meeting. Father Claro can make the decision (without it necessarily having to go through the finance / maintenance committee)
Expand our Social Media involvement	Kathleen	Karen Frank to be our Social Media Manager Kathleen to speak to Karen on Sunday To be picked up next time
Mary Poole Mass in Southmoor	Lorraine and Kathleen	Will try for March A date has not been agreed. Lorraine will reach out to Mary to decide on a date Lorraine to report at the next PPC meeting

<p>Communication for our elderly and infirmed parishioners who cannot access IT.</p>	<p>All PPC</p>	<p>There might be a particular need. Perhaps people who are not able to come to mass could be asked if they would like to receive a paper copy of the newsletter? Kathleen to check with Margarita and report back at the next PPC meeting If there is a need, we would need a list of names/addresses and to consider the best day to print and post</p>
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Regular items

4. Youth group update: Nicole to comment on this at the next PPC meeting. It is an initiative that should be shared; Karen to advertise the group on social media. Nicole also looking for further members (attending every other Friday)
5. Children's liturgy update: cf above for update. Preparation for Holy Communion: day for preparation to be decided; all the preparation to be done before Corpus Christi. Kathleen: in the past, parents were dropping off their children and come back to pick them up; last year, the parents were asked to lead a session, but it proved difficult. Suggested for this year that the parents and the children should be attending all the preparation sessions. Kathleen to advertise for more kids to join the preparation in addition to the 4 next Sunday; next Sunday, kids will be presented.
6. Young families group update. Some walks have taken place together. Mike – JP – Aude to think about dates for events; try to ask families what they would like to do; try to find activities where all young families can partake (walks from the church to the Folly or the Tithe Barn); readvertise the activities of the group at mass
7. Evangelisation (evening talks) / Charities. Good list of talks in the pipeline. Icon meeting at 7.45pm next Thursday. Darren has volunteered for a talk. Great turn up for the Shrove Tuesday (pancakes and confession). JP suggested that we could better use the walls in the hall to gently evangelise (QR codes; posters of important events). JP to look at getting posters of art work; Kathleen to help with QR codes. Posters to highlight the great work of CAFOD. Paul later shared that Vincent Martinez met the Bishop in Portsmouth last weekend with Catechumens making their Rite of Election. Vincent is already validly baptised so is a candidate for Confirmation at Easter.

Other items

8. Easter Triduum: Dr. Paul Hedger appointed for the liturgy. Lorraine suggested to ask on Sunday if there are any other Easter traditions some members of our Community would like to share with the rest of the Community. JP to put an item in the newsletter for Easter and other important events in our calendar. Paul later shared that he was told by Denise that everything is in stock for Easter.
9. Pentecost (lunch): shared lunch after Mass; use the screen with the words/explanation. It could be a powerpoint and someone would move the slides. It was mentioned at the AGM that there are not enough orders of the mass. Kathleen suggested to get some children's order of the mass sheets. Kathleen to talk to Tony and order them if necessary
10. Corpus Christi (procession): no music on that day, because the choir is away
11. Mission statement : we could use the diocesan one and modify it; use the current parish mission statement as the aims (after some modifications); JP to circulate a draft

12. AOB : Paul later shared that he has completed a review of Parish Hall users which has resulted in 2 groups being asked to leave. He will get those groups who remain to sign new contracts.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 21st March Minutes-Kathleen, Chair- Paul

Fr Claro said a prayer to close the meeting