

Blessed Hugh Church Faringdon

PPC Agenda 23rd March 2026

8.30 pm – 9.30pm

Lorraine – Chair

JP – Minutes

Apologies: Ann O'Reilly

Present: Lorraine Brabin, Kathleen Thomas, Darren & Vanessa Hall, JP Crilly, Fr Claro Conde

Matters and actions arising and actions from the last meeting

Action	Person Responsible	Outcome
Update with regards Noticeboard Actions	JP	JP needs to chase up noticeboard companies
Message Welcomers to remind them to stay near the back after Mass has started and direct those using side entrance to books etc.	Vanessa	Youth are collecting the hymnbooks successfully. Reduces congestion in narthex. Vanessa says numbers arriving at any given time very variable. Welcomers need to tell parents that the yellow bags need to be returned.
Check in with Karen about social media	Lorraine	Still to be done
Children's Liturgists – yellow bags reorder	Kathleen	More religious colouring books and crayons have been ordered, and small crucifixes and statues as well to make up more bags.
Funding of snacks for the Youth Group	Lorraine	Agreed by Finance committee. Will be funded from tea and coffee contribution fund (those on tea and coffee rota need to remember to put out the red box).
Young Families outreach	JP	Ongoing
Retreat – confirmation of date	LB	LB still has not heard from Fr Liam. LB to chase. Provisionally 18 th April.

Youth group update- Nicole and Helena not present at meeting. *Will get update next time.*
Other parishes in PA want to do something together with our youth group. Logistically tricky- try at Holy Rood, once or twice a year? Other parishes might send their YG leaders to learn from Helena and Nicole.

Welcome team update – 6 members. Rota 3 months in advance. Working well. Only thing not included in rota so far are Holy Days of Obligation not on a Sunday e.g. Easter Triduum. *Vanessa Hall to sort.*

Social Media Update- *Next time*

Children's liturgy update- still working well. KT raised problem of not knowing what age of children will be coming, and the large age range. Good to have the older children there to help explain to the younger ones, but should they be participating in the main liturgy? Church says that once they have done their First Holy Communion they should be in Mass. LB: 23 children last Sunday, great, but too many to really control.

Plan: take note of numbers for next few sessions, and if such large numbers every time then need to rethink.

First Communion update- LB: going well. However, need to have the church to themselves to be able to concentrate during the sessions. Parents are not remaining in the session, which they should do. *Plan: check that everyone knows when the sessions are so there are no clashes, and that parents appreciate their role (will go in the WhatsApp group). Parental responsibility- they promised to educate their child in the Catholic faith at their wedding and at the child's baptism.*

Question from one of the parents- can they accompany their children into the First Confession (child is very shy) ? Fr Claro said yes.

Young Families, upcoming baptisms- JPC- YF group has not done much recently. Will try to enliven in the warmer months.

RCIA update- DH- this coming Wednesday discussion between Sjoerd and some others about the direction the church "should take".

Some going to Didcot tomorrow for confession, but for the rest, Fr Claro will offer confession before Mass on Maundy Thursday and on Good Friday.

Some will be baptised/confirmed at the Easter Vigil, and some on Easter Day.

Formation: Retreat and Formation day- see above.

Evangelisation including evening talks

KT- update from PA Evangelisation meeting. Our parish does similar to the other parishes, but we tend to have a "deeper bench" of volunteers for all of these.

KT highlighted there is training called Ananias about evangelisation. Online training from America or contact on Portsmouth diocese website who can come and give the training.

Plan: all the PPC to look at the introduction videos. If looks good then all the PPC should get the Ananias training.

Plan: JPC to send lecture notes from the last evening talk to rest of PPC

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.

Forward look:

- Lent
- Easter

AOB KT: Lifts to church for the elderly. John Bailey can't drive anymore.

Plan: KT to speak to Mary Elizabeth about lift rotas. LB to speak to diocese about safeguarding and insurance for lifts.

Next meeting: 20th April. Chair: Vanessa, Minutes: Kathleen

Topics to discuss: Pentecost- shared lunch, try to encourage people to join the other ministries.

Meeting after that 18th May Chair: Kathleen , Minutes: Darren

15th June: Chair: Lorraine. Minutes: Ann

Next 3 Meetings:	Minutes	Chair
23 rd February 8.30	JP	Kathleen
23 rd March 8.30	Ann	Lorraine
20 th April 8.30	Kathleen	Vanessa