

Blessed Hugh Church Faringdon

PPC Minutes 25th January 2024

8.15 pm – 9.30pm

1. Apologies; Helena Boakye, Darren and Vanessa
2. Present : Fr Claro, Kathleen Thomas, Lorraine Brabin, JP Crilly, Paul Padley, Nicole Kamugishan, Aude Mechalier
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4. Father opened the meeting with a prayer and we welcomed Ann Bennell and Karen as observers.
5. Matters arising and actions from the last meeting (14th December)

Topic	Person Responsible	Outcome / Actions
Deepening Your Understanding resources for children on the Parish website	Kathleen	Website links done and shared
Continue to encourage potential Children’s Liturgy leaders to observe a session	All liturgists	Ongoing; 2 potential liturgists in the pipeline.
Events for start of Lent	Aude/JP / Darren / Vanessa / Fr Claro	i)Ecumenical Ash Weds service at All Saints 7.30pm ii)Distribution of Ashes at Blessed Hugh 11am and 6pm iii)Confessions (Fr Claro only priest) iv)Distribution of ashes at other churches before 9.00 am Action JP to research and put in Newsletter. v)Shrove Tuesday pancakes Blessed Hugh 3p. -7pm JP and Aude have volunteered. More volunteers welcome Nicole can help until 4.30. Claire also. Action: Karen to leverage social media to advertise.
Come with one idea for future evening talks	All PPC	JP is sorted for topics for a year ahead. Next talk Feb 29 th on Icons is on the website; to be given by an Orthodox priest.
Expand our Social Media involvement	Kathleen	ongoing
Mary Poole Mass in Southmoor	Lorraine and Kathleen	Will try for March
Arrange Live Nativity on Christmas Eve.	Aude	Aude thanked everyone for the costumes and described the play as ‘happy chaos’. Very worthwhile and to be planned again in 2024

6. Youth group update.

Good numbers. Continues to meet every other Friday. Nicole is planning 3 monthly 'new resolution plans' featuring new group activities and teaching methods e.g. debate, cartoons.

Thinking of having a day out in April. Will need a collection or donations for funding.

7. Children's liturgy update. See above

8. Young families update. Resources have been updated to the whatsapp group page

10 Evangelisation / charities

a) evening talks. See table above.

b) Parish walk (for CAFOD). This year it is in aid of Liberian fisherman to buy life jackets and epirbs etc. Proposed date is March 16th

c) Planned activities for major feast days of the church. JP proposed that we should continue the Pentecost lunch and the Corpus Christi processions. Some discussion on more formality of latter. General view that Christ the King lunch went well. It was suggested we open up the Christ the King lunch to other churches via CtiF. No-one dissented.

11. Communication for our elderly and infirmed parishioners who cannot access IT. Discussion of various reasons why this group do not come to mass. Some are members of a telephone chain. Could be arrange hand delivery of printed newsletters? Discussion to be continued.

12. AGM preparation and Revision of Mission statement. It was decided that we did not need to review this before the AGM. Re-working is ongoing. We will continue discussion next meeting.

13. Format of the Mass (Parishioner query). Kathleen read out the email she had received from Mary Hughes which requested a more prayerful Mass. After discussion is was agree that we will emphasise periods of silent reflection after the homily and after communion. The latter will be helped by purifying the vessels in sacristy after mass. The TV screen provokes strong opinions. Some discussion on how to optimise its use in what is small church building. Notwithstanding these issues numbers at mass are growing so we are doing something right.

14. Use of notice board at front of the church. A bigger noticeboard would enable us to advertise all the weekly activities e.g. mass, private prayer, adoration, lunches, youth group. Lorraine recalled that a substantial wooden noticeboard was at one time on the agenda of the finance and maintenance committee. She will get it re-instated.

15. Social media advertising of Church events we have now recruited Karen Frank to be our Social Media Manager

16. Fr Claro said a prayer to close the meeting

Date of next 2 meetings

Thursday 22nd Feb Minutes -Aude, Chair -Michael

Thursday 21st March Minutes-Kathleen, Chair- Paul