

Blessed Hugh Church Faringdon

PPC Minutes 4th September 2025

8.15 pm – 9.30pm

Attendees : JP Crilly, Fr Claro, Lorraine Brabin, Kathleen Thomas, Nicole Bigirimana, Paul Padley, Darren Hall, Vanessa Hall, Ann O'Reilly (observer).

Apologies: None

Lorraine – Chair

Kathleen - Minutes

Matters and actions arising and actions from the last meeting

- Children's room C/O Aude & JP - On going.
- Notice board C/O JP – **ACTION:** Finance committee have agreed costs and JP to choose a noticeboard. He also needs to contact the council about putting one up as we already have the sign up at the front, and while you can have one sign without permission, a second requires permission.
- New Zoom account – Lorraine – **ACTION:** Lorraine will meet with Neil to get a Blessed Hugh Zoom account art up.
- Youth Group Volunteer C/O – Kathleen - **ACTION:** Nicole will speak to Helena on Friday 5th September about Joe Ortiz getting involved.
- Operation Lost Sheep Questionnaire – JP – **ACTION:** Some final tweaks being made then JP will ask Neill to put it on the parish website. We will produce a QR code leading to that page and then we can get posters made with that on it. JP has contacted the local magazines to see what it would cost to get an advert put in (with the QR code on it) so that we can get respondents to the questionnaires.
- Eucharistic Ministers retreat (Sister ??) – Lorraine – **ACTION:** Ann will get contact details for Sr Judith Russy who is a wonderful speaker. Lorraine will then contact her to see if she is open to leading a retreat for us.

Youth group update

Nicole and Helena are resuming the group after the summer break. The first meeting is on Friday 5th September. They will consult with the youth members to plan activities for the next few months. They will also invite Brother John Bosco from the Carmelites to lead some sessions again. There are usually about 9 youth and they meet every second Friday at Blessed Hugh.

Welcome team update

Team has been going for about 3 months with 4 welcomers on a rota. **ACTION:** Vanessa will contact Maria Cupitt to put a notice in the newsletter to ask for more volunteers.

Social Media Update

Karen not in attendance. **ACTION:** Lorraine will speak to Neil about how the Church social media is set up to see if we can access it as Karen may not be available at the moment.

Children's liturgy update

Returning on Sunday after the summer break. We have 8 volunteers on the rota and we usually have about 10 kids join us on a Sunday. Volunteers use a variety of resources to the Gospel to

the children in a variety of styles. It was agreed that we would stick to running Communion preparation every 2 years.

Evangelisation including evening talks

- The September talk will be delivered by Jason Cooke, a Methodist Minister, on the life of John Wesley. The October speaker is pending and there is one already engaged for November.
- Operation Lost Sheep questionnaire is underway, see actions above.
- The formation/evangelisation meeting for the greater pastoral area is taking place on Wednesday 10th September and JP & Kathleen will attend.

Forward look:

- Harvest shared lunch, date agreed for 5th Oct JP will put invites around the Faringdon Community and Kathleen will invite the relocated Afghans via the Military College.
- Fund raising – Quiz for Aid to the Church in Need, date agreed for 21st November, JP to organise Questions and we will offer Fish and Chips as we do for the evening talks.
- Christ the King- shared lunch pending
- Advent - keep on agenda
- Posters for Children's religious education, **ACTION:** Kathleen to source some more to add variety to existing selection.

AOB

Ann O'Reilly was thanked for coming and for taking on the safeguarding role. She gave the PPC a brief summary of her role within the Pope Francis MAC and her past experience with Safeguarding.

Fr Claro Closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next Meetings

9th Oct Chair JP. Minutes Aude

6th Nov Chair Darren .Minutes Wilboard.