

Blessed Hugh Faringdon PPC Meeting Minutes 8th July 2021

Parish Mission Statements

1. To go out and Mission to Everyone;
2. Support and Strengthen the Community;
3. Prayerful and Committed to the Faith;
4. Outreach to ethnic minorities;
5. Outreach to key workers;
6. To Nurture the young people and youth of our parish to ensure they feel valued members of our community

Present: Father Claro, Tony Fecher, Kathleen Thomas, Lorraine Brabin, Emmanuel Boakye.
Apologies: Clare Cottingham, Audrey Curnock, Andrew Chell

Meeting started at 8.15 with an opening prayer led by Fr Claro.
Minutes agreed from previous meeting.

- **Arrangements and publicity for full Church reopening 27th June.**
- No volunteer as yet to support Neil to continue to broadcast Mass through Zoom and Facebook. Another appeal will be made in Church and in the Newsletter.
- All restrictions will be lifted on 19th July and the first unrestricted Mass will be on 25th July. It was suggested that wipes, hand sanitizer and masks by the door would remain in case and parishioner wants to use them.
- Tea and Coffee will be organised by Kathleen.

Outreach, House Masses

We delighted that Fr Claro wishes to take masses to local villages, this is all part of evangelisation and connecting with local Catholics who no longer come to church. The Mass in Southmoor was very successful and everyone who attended enjoyed joining in faith in a more intimate setting.

The next Mass is on Friday July 30th @ 6pm at Clare Cottingham's House, Buckland. Preparations are underway.

Other possible Masses are in Gainfield and Stanford In the Vale. Kathleen to ask Ann O'Reilly if she would like to host one. **ACTION:** Kathleen

- **Parish Questionnaire:** More to follow after House Masses – we would like to ask local people what they would like to get from church.
- **Church Hall – protocols, re-opening**

Lorraine to speak to Sue Cole to let her know that she can take bookings from 19th July.

ACTION : Lorraine

- **Support Group & Parishioners' Contact Details.**

It was decided that in order to get this under way as soon as possible, it would be in paper form. Lorraine will chat to Mary Hughes to decide on appropriate wording for an "opt in" form on which parishioners can provide their names telephone numbers

and email addresses. This will then be compiled and printed for distribution in the Parish only. **ACTION:** Lorraine

Parish Social Events.

- **Parish Social 4th July 2021 from 1pm**

This was unfortunately postponed, and a new date has been proposed for 5th September. Kathleen will check with Reggie if this is convenient for Emily and him.

ACTION: Kathleen

A shared lunch was planned for the feast of Christ The King on 21st Nov. Kathleen will put a notice in the Newsletter. **ACTION:** Kathleen

- A kids Christmas party was discussed and it was decided that it should be planned for sometime during Advent.

- **Parish Youth**

Children's liturgy will re-start from September.

We hope to ask young people to a pizza evening once restrictions are over. Further discussions were left until more people were present.

- **Upcoming dates, Sea Sunday 11th July**

Andrew has given out the envelopes last week in preparation for this week's second collection.

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- It was suggested that the Parish organises a bimonthly social event for those in the parish who are isolated because they can no longer get around. Perhaps an afternoon tea in the Church Hall? Transport could be provided. A notice will be put in the Newsletter to gauge interest. **ACTION:** Kathleen

A question was raised if we need to do anything to help the local foodbank. We will ask Mairead. **ACTION:** Kathleen

- A sub committee meeting is planned for 13th July to help sort out paperwork and communications from the Diocese and moving the repair of the Church foundations forward.
- We ended with a Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: 9th September

Chair: Audrey

Minutes: Kathleen