

## **Blessed Hugh Church Faringdon**

### **PPC Minutes 9 February 2023**

**19:15 – 20:15**

**Present: Fr Claro Conde, Paul Padley, Kathleen Thomas, Darren & Vanessa Hall**

**Apologies: Lorraine Brabin, JP Crilly, Nicole Kamugisha, Helena Boakye**

1. Opening Prayer – led by Fr Conde
2. Apologies – see above.
3. Actions from last Meeting:
  - Wednesday Lunches – (PP) Paul asked 2 Marias to cook the lunches. £15 given to Maria for the 1<sup>st</sup> week and the 2<sup>nd</sup> week was a donation. This will run until the end of February and then it will be discussed if it can continue 1x/week either on Wednesdays or Fridays.
  - Evangelisation Talks – (JPC) JP has booked some talks already for 23.2.23 (G.K. Chesterton Talk) and 22.3.23 (Tony Hadland: History of Catholics in Buckland Through the Era of Persecution). Sjoerd has also agreed to do a talk in late April. The talks have already been advertised in the Faringdon advertiser and a few local Facebook pages.
  - Children's Liturgy – (KT) will ask Tiane if she wants to help with this.
  - CTIF – (PP) Paul said there is a Lenten bible study Group that needs volunteers to host the sessions in their home.
4. Agenda:
  - Diocesan 10-year Plan: (Fr CC) We are part of Area X starting January 2023. There will be a Clergy Meeting in East Hindred on 16.2.23 to discuss arrangements for Area X.
  - Closer to Christ Update : ( c/o Andrew) Current plans are to petition donations from Parishioners to meet the target amount. Goal =£40,000 over 3 years, Already pledged= £11,000, Balance= £28,000. Paul will look at putting something in the newsletter about it.
  - Bishop's Visit : (Fr CC) The Bishop will visit us on 26.2.23. He will celebrate the 10:00 am Mass with us. Fr Claro will ask the Bishop's Secretary (Anthony) as to what is expected of us to do for this visit.
  - Youth Matters : (NK & HB) No plans yet from both Nicole and Helena. Kathleen will ask Tiane if she wants to help with the Children's Liturgy.
  - Evangelisation:
    - Talks: (JPC) There are 3 talks already booked (see above from previous minutes).
    - Warm spaces (PP) This is to continue (see above from previous minutes)
    - CTIF (PP & Fr CC) Both going to the Pump House & the Library to meet with other Christians and talk to some new people.
    - Cake Sale (KT) Kathleen said the cake sale from last year brought people in. Suggested we can do the same this year.

- CAFOD Walk/ Big Lent walk (JPC) 5 miles for 40 days Walk Happening on 4.3.23 from Faringdon to Buckland. Some people have signed up to do it. Plans are to open it up to the Ecumenical Community.
- AOB:
  - Fr CC - Informed us that a break in happened in the Church sometime between Sunday midday (5.2.23) to Wednesday midday (8.2.23). The Church front door was forced open and the intruders also went into the Sacristy. Nothing was taken. The Police are investigating the matter on Friday 10.2.23. Fr Claro also informed us about Ash Wednesday Services on 22.2.23 (11:00 am at Faringdon & 17:30 at Buckland).
  - PP –Fr Claro suggested having a Palm Sunday Procession from the Market Square to the Church. Paul will mention to Katie (CTIF) to invite the other Churches to join this. Details to be confirmed. Fr Claro will also invite others via the Advertiser
  - KT – Kathleen suggested a 2nd collection for the victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. She will email Andrew about this. Fr Claro said the Christian in Need Charity is already doing this and there is also a CAFOD collection for the victims (c/o JPC).
- Next Meeting: 16.3.23 at the Church Hall at 7:15 pm.
- Closing Prayer: led by Father Claro