

Blessed Hugh Church Faringdon

PPC Minutes 9th October 2025

8.15 pm – 9.30pm

Attending : Fr Claro, JP, Kathleen, Lorraine, Nicole, Ann,

Apologies : Helena

Chair-JP Minutes-Kathleen

Matters and actions arising and actions from the last meeting

☒ Notice board- JP As we are only allowed one notice board without seeking permission for another one, we will remove the one on the wall as the information on it is out of date and replace the one on posts to a more robust one.

☒ New Zoom account – Lorraine This was discussed with the finance committee and Neil Taylor has said that we can use his personal Zoom account which is the same link that is used for the Bible Study group.

Meeting link below or just click on Bible Study on the website. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84216030355?pwd=V29iZWh2Q0lyQXAvWExrZGpEeGFndz09>

☒ Youth Group Volunteer – Kathleen The volunteer in mind was introduced to the Youth group but they have a very busy work schedule at the moment. Nicole said that any volunteers are welcome and Ann advised that any volunteers will need to be DBS checked.

☒ “Operation Lost Sheep” Questionnaire – JP The questionnaire has been designed and put on the Blessed Hugh website tailored to reach 3 different audiences and it will also be advertised in the local press with QR code links to it. So far there have been 14 responses. The responses will then be analysed by JP and actions will come out of that.

☒ Eucharistic Ministers retreat (Sister Judith Russy) – Lorraine We have the contact details for Sr Judith but we want to ensure that we have a good turn out so Lorraine will speak to Chris Harrison to make it a whole Pastoral Area retreat.

☒ Welcome team call for more volunteers- Vanessa Remaining on agenda for next meeting.

☒ Church social media access- Lorraine/Karen Pending

☒ Posters for children’s religious education- Kathleen The Redemptorist’s resources bought last year for lent were not very durable and nothing much else on their website JP suggested that CTS have laminated resources so will look there.

Youth group update

Now 14 members who have become good friends. Some of their non-Catholic friends have come along and are happy to come back. The visitors were given parental consent forms to get signed and bring with them next time. The youth group programme consists of Bible study sessions and singing practice sessions in preparation for a performance during a youth Mass around Christmas. The plan is for the Youth to perform from the organ loft to make them less self conscious.

Welcome team update

Pending

Social Media Update

Pending

Children's liturgy update

Very busy group average 14 kids every week. Great support from the liturgists who deliver thoughtful tailored sessions.

Evangelisation including evening talks

Talk planned about Phillip Pullman by Fr Matthew Tophamon 6th Nov. Same date as next PPC we were thinking of having a quick meeting in person in the hall for ½ hour before the talk at 6.30. We need to canvas to see who can attend.

Forward look:

- ❑ Fundraising quiz for CAN (Aid to the Church in Need) 21st Nov
- ❑ Shared lunch- Feast of Christ the King 23rd Nov
- ❑ Advent - keep on agenda

AOB

PPC Members: New members needed have a think about who we can approach.

Formation: News from pastoral area meeting. They would like us to have a regular formation update after church to keep it at the forefront of parishioners minds. JP suggested a formation corner in the News letter where formation resources can be shared. The pastoral area would also like to organise some training for the pastoral area starting with children's liturgy. Numbers for those keen to train will be collated. They are also starting a new initiative to help the different parishes to get to know each other. They want each parish to host a showing of 2 hours of The Chosen, a drama on the life of Christ. The idea is to get pastoral area members to visit each parish to watch the next instalment.

Favourite Saint: JP would like us to have a think about our favourite saints and why so that we can create a display for the hall with parishioners sharing information about our favourite saints.

Fr Claro Closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next Meetings

6th Nov

Chair Darren.

Minutes Wilboard.