

**Minutes of Blessed Hugh Faringdon- Finance Committee Meeting
1 July 2024 at 8.30pm**

Present: Fr Claro, Andrew Chell, Lorraine Brabin, Neill Taylor

Apologies: N/A

Opening Prayer: Fr Claro led with an opening prayer

Fr Claro distributed a power point presentation prior to the meeting on the subject, "Parish amalgamation" and notably the consultation process.

Discussion followed with particular note,

- i. Some parishes are in a position of increasing congregation and some declining.
- ii. Finance and financial position will play a big role in the process
- iii. Faringdon is a rural parish with a widespread across numerous villages and therefore a complete contrast to city parishes.

Further developments are awaited as there has been a further meeting following the initial one at Wantage.

Neill has investigated heating charges for the Hall. The winter surcharge is £ 1.20 / hour during the winter months, October to April. This charge has stood for 5 years and needs reviewing.

Finance group await any budgetary requirements from Liturgy and Youth groups.

A discussion followed regarding possible grants to help with our finances. Fr Claro suggested there may be local council grants for buildings for public use i.e. the church hall.

Action -Lorraine to discuss with Heather Hauschild.

Neill had discussed with Sjoerd the destiny of the charity account. Justice and Peace Group no longer meet. Neill suggested suitable recipients may be local asylum seekers needs and / or CAFOD (the main beneficiary, historically). **Action;** Andrew to discuss "Sanctuary Faringdon" with Katie Foote.

Andrew reported the Bl Hugh (Buckland St. George) bank accounts, with little change compared to June.

ACCOUNT NAME	Balance 1 July 2024	Balance 3 June 2024
Current account	£. 26,518	£ 26,477
Charities account	3067	3067
Buildings account	587	587

Date of next meeting. Monday 2 September 8.30 pm. Zoom.

Minutes by A. Chell