

## Minutes of Blessed Hugh Faringdon- Finance Committee Meeting 20 January 2025 at 8.30pm

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

**Apologies:** N/A

Opening Prayer: Fr Claro led with an opening prayer.

### Matters arising.

JP. Is getting quotes for a new notice board. AC to remind him.

Fr Claro has printed off the Insurance Certificates which is now displayed.

LB has contacted Alistair Akers regarding grant support for building repairs and he has sent us forms for completion which we can complete once quotes are obtained.

**Charity Account.** The £1000 donation to the Asylum Seekers Emergency Fund has been completed. We await bank account details to complete the £500 donation to Bromsgrove Day Centre. *[ Bromsgrove Day Centre provides day time assistance to around 20 local people, many who have early onset dementia) They provide a meal and activities which also helps carers complete other duties.]* £500 will be kept in reserve in the charity account and the remainder donated to CAFOD.

**Discussion** ensued regarding further membership of this Finance Committee, and all agreed it was quite adequate, but that Steve Barlow may be invited to attend as and when Health and Safety matters required.

AC had investigated our energy costs. In June 2020 we paid 3.552 pence /kWh for gas and now pay 9.682 pence / kWh. Electricity was 3.552 pence /kWh in June 2020 and is now 14.486 pence /kWh. Increases of 272 % and 252% respectively. As the Hall room hire winter fuel surcharge has remained at £1.20 /hour for some years it was proposed to increase it to £3.00 /hour from now on. (250% increase). Action AC to discuss with Sue Cole and to keep NT informed for website amendment.

A new missal is required for the lectionary (Approx £600) and all felt Fr Claro should go ahead and purchase when he needs to do so.

### Current finance statement.

ACCOUNT NAME	Balance 20 January 2025	Balance 2 December 2024	Balance 2 September 2024
Current account	£.32,120	£. 30,437	£ 26,483
Charities account	2067	3067	3067
Buildings account	587	587	587

### Buildings Report.

A meeting is scheduled with the architect for Friday 24 January to further investigate 'crack in the wall' movements.

**Pastoral Amalgamation** – Paul Armitage will be invited to join us at the next Finance Meeting. Action LB.

Date of next meetings Mondays 8.30; 24 February, 24 March, 14 April. See the Team Meeting links on email from LB 20 January, they will be resent prior to the stated dates.

The meeting closed with a prayer, led by Fr Claro.

Minutes by A. Chell