



Holy Cross Parish
Hucknall

HOLY CROSS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

13TH November 2019

ATTENDEES:

Fr. J.M. President
C.W. Chair
V.F. Secretary
B.F.
M.U.
K.S.
S.H.
L.H.
D.B.
J.C. Guest
Z.B. Guest

APOLOGIES:

M.H.
S.C.

MINUTES

Opening prayer was followed by Chris welcoming the parish council and guest attendees and explained that as the Minutes had been circulated there would be no need to review them. The minutes were then approved as a true interpretation of the meeting held on 18th September 2019.

Matters arising from the Minutes

Our plea for additional cleaners has proved successful and active parishioners are in the process of spring cleaning and storing seasonal items and keeping everything clean.

House

Fr. John said he would speak to Spencer Birch regarding monitoring the property. The present occupiers did not report damp and other problems within the property they have just vacated so it has been decided that a review by Spencer Birch should take place every six months.

V.F. to monitor.

Fr. has flagged this with R.O. who works for the diocese.

He said he would have a conversation with the Bishop in the future, should we experience a large influx of new parishioners and therefore require a resident parish priest, in which case the house would become a presbytery again.

POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

Holy Communion

Intinction is not permitted in our diocese due to the danger of spilling the precious blood of Christ. It was suggested that we should involve more Eucharistic Ministers in the delivery of Holy Communion which will entail contacting ministers beforehand. V.F. to action. Father John said he would like a Sacristan or two if possible who do not carry out any other ministries and who could ensure that all jobs are carried out before and after Mass. Z. and S. volunteered for this and B. will train them.

There is still demand for ministries within our parish, particularly gardening. K. proposed asking for a time limit on commitments and Fr. John suggested one year.

It was proposed that a weed suppressant and gravel could replace the flower borders either side of the front of church and pot plants placed there, which would be easier to maintain. Father asked for a Nativity scene to be erected at the front of church at the beginning of Advent. This has been arranged by S. and M. and H. will erect the scene at the appropriate time.

Pastoral

Parish Officers

Altar Servers

Catechists

Father has asked for cards to be printed with a list of ministries and for these to be circulated to ensure we have a census of parishioners and be able to utilise the skill mix. This will run in January and will create a new impetus and give a sense of the diversity within the parish.

Altar Servers Rota

This has not been completed yet as R.W. is to CRB check all those dealing with children and vulnerable adults.

Eucharistic Services

C. suggested Monday, Tuesday and Friday could be offered for Eucharistic Services conducted by our Eucharistic Ministers and would require a Minister of the Word as well as a Eucharistic Minister. Z. offered to participate in the Word when she is available. Mid-day was suggested as a good time and this is to be

set up before the next parish council meeting. Ask D. to set up a meeting of Eucharistic Ministers and training to be given if required.

Carol Concert

A leafleting campaign for the Carol Concert was suggested and L. has agreed to design these. Parishioners will be asked to take home and post through neighbours doors. There will be refreshments in the Meeting Room after the concert and parishioners will be asked to help with refreshments, finger food, samosas, tea and coffee.

Justice and Peace

K. agreed to start a CAFOD group of campaigning and fundraising

Churches Together

C. asked for a hard copy of the charter of the City of Sanctuary work, to which aims Churches Together already subscribes, to be distributed to the Committee members for consideration. Following suggestions to be made at the next Committee meeting on how the parish can contribute to this work, a meeting with S.R. at the Baptist Church and V.H., Chair of Churches Together will be arranged. Fr. John said he would seek to meet with S. & V.

A Christmas Card for the Parish will be produced and will advertise Mass Times as follows:

Vigil 8.00 pm Holy Cross Hucknall

Midnight Mass at Our Lady's Bulwell

10.00 am Christmas Day at Holy Cross, Hucknall

10.00 a.m. Christmas Day at Our Lady's, Bulwell.

Mass at Our Lady's on St. Stevens Day to be confirmed.

Any Other Business

The Plot for Cremated Remains

When plans were drawn up for the plot at the side of church for cremated remains it was agreed that a concrete stone with an insert for a plaque would be placed over each grave. When the first interment took place, Father P.C. did not want this as it would be difficult to maintain the grassed area and the plaques would be in danger of being damaged by the lawn mower. He instructed the funeral director to erect the plaque on the wall of the church over each of two remains with the one closest to the church to be at the top so it

would be easy for loved ones to recognize the spot in which their loved ones remains is buried.

Speaker System

A parishioner asked if the speakers system is working as he often has difficulty hearing. It was confirmed that the system was checked recently, within the last few months, and all reported in full working order. Father John said he sometimes forgets to switch his speaker on!

S. asked if new Christmas decoration could be bought as the current ones are very shabby. Father agreed to go ahead with this.

It was proposed and agreed that a collection for Christmas flowers should be advertised in the newsletter.

An electrician will arrive at 9am on Thursday 21st November to repair the heaters etc in the Meeting Room. C. has kindly agreed to let him in.

The Year of the Word

This begins the first week of Advent and the Poor Clare Sisters have offered to host and lead it throughout the year. If Holy Cross want their own, it will need to be set up, but it would be nice to support the Sisters.

B. offered thanks and praise to Mary and Sue for the outstanding Remembrance Day decorations in Church this year.

Parish Church Bins

It was suggested that whoever is locking the church after Sunday Mass should put the bins out in readiness for emptying the following day. A Rota from Ashfield District Council is in the sacristy on the shelf above the counters table.

Father John to said a closing prayer, he thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed.

The next Parish Pastoral Council will take place in the Meeting Room at 7.00 p.m. Wednesday 8th January 2020.