

## **Minutes of PPC Meeting 12/11/24**

Present: BT, MO'D, ML, KS, PF (mins)

Apologies: SB, PM

Opening prayer: Fr M

### **Fr Michael**

Meeting focused on retirement of Fr Michael due to ill health. An announcement to be made on weekend of 16/17<sup>th</sup> November.

Weekend Masses covered until 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Cover being provided by Fr Michael Doyle/Henley and Father Andrew Foster/Watlington. Two weekday Masses beginning week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> November with just a Thursday at 09:30, and then going forward Tuesday at 12:00 and Thursday at 09:30.

**BT** is looking to get cover for the Christmas period. In the New Year, there may only be one Mass on Sunday.

Service of reconciliation hopefully to take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

**BT** to arrange some Advent Talks.

Fr M does not want a fuss over a leaving do. Proposal of a Thanksgiving Mass in January. **BT** to look into.

### **BT absence weekend 16/17<sup>th</sup> November - and ongoing**

Arrangements have been made for the opening of the Church as well as looking after Fr Michael Doyle.

BT said he is getting support from the local clergy.

Going forward assistance required with the opening of the Church. This to be publicised in the New Year through the newsletter and WhatsApp.

**KS** to arrange for more keys to be cut.

**BT** to discuss finance situation with Canon Paul.

**BT** to advise if anything else needs to be arranged.

### **Pocketful of Prayers & New Missals**

Copies of Pocketful of Prayers are now available at the back of Church for £3. **KS** to order the new Missals.

### **Secretary's Role**

Including, but not limited to:

- Paying the bills
- Hall invoicing
- Notify garage when funerals take place
- Responding to emails
- Ordering various items including stationery and candles
- Updating DONA
- Liaising with the cleaning lady
- Newsletter

The cleaning hours will have to be reduced after Fr Michael leaves. **KS** to liaise with the cleaning lady.

The Secretary's role to be advertised / parishioners to be asked to take on individual tasks (e.g. newsletter) in the New Year.

### **DBS - No update**

ML has four replies back, with two outstanding. These are to be "chivvied up" by **ML**.

### **The Footpath up to the Hall - No update**

The footpath very narrow, uneven and there is a deep trench on one side following the building work at the house next door. MO'D has also written stressing that the path is not just an issue for wheelchair users. We have tried to engage the builders in getting this sorted to no end.

### **Membership of the PPC – No update**

WR has not been in contact with MO'D.

### **Thoughtful Living Group**

The Live Simply Award has been placed into a frame.



### **Social and Fundraising Events**

- A parishioner has offered to host a social event for approximately 20 parishioners at his home which includes a 60's museum in his garden. ML has spoken to GS so arrangements to be finalised. **No update.**
- The Christmas Craft evening in October was very well received.
- Charity board games afternoon was attended by 50 people (almost half of them were the parishioners, raising an amazing £1,037 for the Missing People charity ([www.missingpeople.co.uk](http://www.missingpeople.co.uk)))
- Christmas pudding evening on 22<sup>nd</sup> November with around 22 people signed up.
- Flower arrangement workshop on 14<sup>th</sup> December is now full.
- Quiz evening to be scheduled Jan/Feb 2025 with fish and chip supper (MO'D won't be able to help organise, but will ask parishioners via WhatsApp to volunteer).

### **AOB.**

BT stated that we need to think about the parish database. Just a comment at this stage so possibly add to next agenda. **No update.**

**PF** to progress brass cleaning with BT.

**KS** to check with Keith on the Christmas tree.

Week of Christian Unity scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Possibility of hosting.

**MO'D** will not be available from 8th January whilst she recovers from a shoulder operation.

**Next meeting dates:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Closing Prayer and Rosary: BT