

**Minutes for St Michael's Church Sonning Common held
on Monday November 19th 2018**

Present: See copy on church noticeboard

Apologies:

Meeting opened with prayer

Matters arising from previous minutes:

Parish Weekend (21-23rd September):

The Parish weekend with Fr Michael Miners from Watlington was well received and the fish and chip supper well attended.

The Macmillan Coffee Morning went well and people gave generously to MOD's fundraising efforts including the half marathon that she undertook. MOD's fundraising for Macmillan reached a wonderful total of £1,500.

The Christmas Pudding Evening is filling up with 30 people confirmed.

Tickets for the Silver Band concert will be printed by KS – It was agreed that a small fee of £5 will be charged for the event. Children can attend free of charge. MOD has agreed to organise the raffle again. KS has asked for volunteers setting up the hall.

Holy hour will take place on the first two Mondays in December (4th and 11th) at 7pm – KS will put a note in the newsletter

Bishopswood Advent service – KS will confirm details with Nanette re. organ playing.

Christmas flowers workshop: morning of Saturday 15th December.

Advent reconciliation service: 7pm Monday 17th December. Fr Michael will ask Father Paul from Henley and Father Michael from Watlington to help with the penitential service.

St Martin's Carol Concert

Volunteers will be required to bring down chairs for the concert after the 10.30am mass on Sunday 16th December.

Christmas Masses are confirmed as last year: December 24th 5pm and 8pm. Christmas Day 10.30pm.

The snack and chat is now running again and the first one back after the Summer holidays will be on Tuesday, 20th November, 2018 KS will do the soup and cake and BT and TM have agreed to help set up.

RL has arranged a lift for a couple who otherwise are unable to get to the weekend masses.

Healing Mass

Fr M suggested we need to discuss and decide if we would like a special mass for healing or to make it part of the Sunday masses one weekend. Fr M suggested the PPC wait until

Spring to hold the service in whichever form is decided. This will therefore be discussed at the next meeting in January

Suggestions for the Advent charity were discussed and it was decided that we will support Embrace the Middle East with our Advent fundraising – KS will put a note in the newsletter. DB will speak with TL to ask for promotional items and information.

There was discussion about doing a collection for foreign coins as part of the Advent effort. KS will find out where foreign coins can be taken and put something in the newsletter. FrM suggested we have a dedicated collection box and use one of the brown boxes at the back of church

Future Events

A craft morning will be held after the 10.30am mass on the 2nd December which is a family mass – KS to organise with the help of MOD and KOD – KS to send a poster to TL to advertise the event at St Martin's – it is the weekend of the sign up for the First Communion candidates so it is hoped there will be a good response

KM and VM are helping SR with the advent tree this year which will follow the same format as previous years

The quiz and curry night - it was agreed will take place on the 26th January – later than last year due to PPC member commitments

A representative from the Columban fathers will visit in the New year to make an appeal after all the masses – KS will call to confirm a date

There was a discussion as to the format of the Lent talks this year – it was suggested that we organise a series of talks entitled “Why am I still a practising Catholic today?”

It was agreed that David Halle should be asked to lead the Passover Supper again

MOD confirmed the date for the gaming and pancake event as 3rd March

It was requested that the minutes for the PPC meeting are made available on the website. This will be done but names removed.

MOD agreed to update the PPC pictures to represent the current of members

ML commented about the reviews on line for St Michaels and encouraged people to write positive ones as there is one negative review which is impacting the star average.

Dates of next meetings. Note earlier time of 7.30pm:

Monday January 14th.

Monday 11th February