

**Minutes for St Michael's Church Sonning Common held
on Monday 29th April, 2019**

Present: DB, KS, MOD

Apologies: SB; ML MS BW TM;

Minutes of previous meeting accepted

Matters arising:

MOD and KS have returned the new blue noticeboards and will source grey ones and organise fitting.

The Games and Pancake afternoon went extremely well: and after giving St Martin's school the details of the event, some new children and families attended along with a good number of more elderly parishioners. It was considered that this event could be repeated in some form twice a year and a date in November is being considered.

MOD mentioned that she now has the new members of the PPC photos and so will update the picture for the notice board.

Special Masses

The 10.30am mass on the 2nd Sunday in Lent was dedicated to those who have lost a child in the womb and for infants who died before being baptised – in remembrance and consolation. This service was very well received, and it was agreed should be repeated.

A further special Mass, will include the giving of the Sacrament of the sick during the mass and be dedicated to the sick and frail, including the elderly.

It was proposed that this will take place on Pentecost Sunday.

On this occasion, FrM will invite a priest from Douai Abbey so that there will be two priests anointing – FrM would like the PPC to organize transport so that people from care homes can be brought to St Michaels. BT will contact the care homes.

Lent and Easter 2019:

Holy Week and Easter Masses all went well.

FrM was particularly pleased with the Maundy Thursday service and the feet washing with the children of the parish taking part. He gave each child £2.00 coin as Maundy money.

The Lenten Talks at St Michael's were attended by the usual numbers and we were able to liaise with other parishes, to avoid a clash of events – and also to advertise the talks held at surrounding parishes, including St Anne's and Sacred Heart in Henley.

The Exposition of the Sacrament on Monday nights was well received.

And the saying of the Rosary/Stations of the Cross after masses on Tuesdays and Thursdays during Lent worked well.

The parish Easter cards were distributed and FrM Suggested that the cards might be made slightly bigger next year – A5 size

Finally the Passover meal was attended by approximately 22 people and was a very pleasant evening – but it was decided that as numbers were down on last year, that we might ask parishioners if they would like the meal next year to gauge interest in the event.

The Ecumenical Safari supper – this is taking place again this year on the 17th May and a sign up sheet has been put at the back of Church. KS will do desserts again in the hall as the last stop on the Safari. MS and KS will go to Macro to source some additional side/dessert plates.

AGM - A discussion about the AGM was had and it was proposed that the AGM take place on the Sunday of the weekend of the Patronal feast in September, during the shared luncheon.

The Parish outing to Farnborough Abbey- this is proposed for the 29th June and a sign up sheet has been put at the back of Church to gauge interest.

Talk about the Middle East - It is proposed that this is given by Tim Livesey and be extended to the wider community to include the local churches. BT will bring this up at the next Ministers' meeting.

AOB

Someone requested that FrM ask for a quiet time before weekend masses. It was proposed that FrM address this via the newsletter in the first instance and KS will mention this to FrM and ask him to write something for the newsletter. A discussion was had about perhaps providing some Taizé music before masses to encourage quiet prayer. It was pointed out that the setting up of the teas and coffees can be distracting but is essential.

Italian night – FrM is proposing an Italian night for parishioners of all ages. A date of 12 or 13th July was suggested. This is to be returned to at the next meeting.

Volunteers – the Church is in great need of more volunteers including money counters and helpers for the Children's liturgy. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting, as an appeal via the newsletter had not found enough helpers.

Parish Registration Forms – BT and KS have agreed to go through these to see if there are any potential volunteers among the completed forms.

Permission slips for card distribution – BW and SR are to advise when they have finished going through these.

Macmillan coffee morning - MOD proposed holding a coffee morning after the Sunday masses, as last year – a date of the 6th October has been proposed.

The meeting was closed with a prayer

Next meetings:

3/06/19 at 7.30pm

8/07/19 at 7.30pm