

## PPC meeting, 13/03/2025

Present: SB, MOD, PM, PF, ML, KS, Deacon Brian, Canon Paul

### Opening prayer - Canon Paul

#### 1. Minutes of the last meeting

- Future of presbytery - joint PPC and finance committee on 24th April to discuss options.
- First Aid training - the training will be taking place in April; it has been offered in the first instance to members of the PPC and Finance Committee. Will be open to parishioners from next week (wk beg 17th March); Thank you to KS for organising this.
- Cafod Family Fast Day appeal - excellent talks after Mass by JC and DW (parish Cafod reps). Members of St Michael's joined the Cafod Walk from St Anne's on Saturday.
- Mill Hill missionaries will speak after Mass at the weekend Cafod and Mill Hill Missions to be designated as our Lenten Charities; we will fundraise for the Duchess of Kent during the year

#### 2. Day to day running of the parish

- Parishes of the Deanery have confirmed their continuing support for St Michael's. Weekend Masses continue to be covered and Fr Micael Doyle visits the primary school to say Mass there. Canon Paul attended all masses first weekend in March to let the parishioners know that there will be no changes to services/ Mass times and frequency until the end of the year and Father Colin will be resident priest from May to September so the priests and Deacon Brian can have a well deserved break.
- Parish secretary post - no decision made as yet. May transfer secretarial duties to the parish secretary of St Anne's. Some concern at the disconnect this might cause at St Michael's.  
**ACTION: Deacon B, Canon P and KS** to meet to discuss the needs of St Michael's in this respect.

#### 3. Lent and Easter

- All services during Holy Week are covered. Fr Joe Murphy will return to celebrate Mass on Palm Sunday. Pilgrims of Hope talks lead by Deacon Brian - good turn out for the first one on Weds evening, so will continue.
- Volunteers needed for the washing of the feet on Holy Thursday and watching at the Altar of Repose. **ACTION - Deacon Brian**

#### 4. Year of Jubilee

- Deacon Brian's Lenten talks;
- The new Communion hymn written especially for this year is being sung at 10.30 Masses;
- Possible pilgrimage to St Anne's in May/June; Parishes in the Deanery may share activities
- Patrick Denton, Diocesan youth co-ordinator, is aiming to engage the youth in the parishes of South Oxon - possible walk from Littlemore to St Anne's.

## 5. Updating of the parish database

This has gone well. A big thank you to KS for organising this and everyone who helped. Volunteers needed to “man the files” after Masses on Sunday for final day. KS to get in touch with those who haven’t checked details to ask if they still wish us to keep them on our register and, if so, are the details we have correct.

## 6. PPC retreat

Awaiting the arrival of Fr Colin to arrange retreat. Please offer suggestions of place, but could be held at St Michael’s Hall. M’OD to organise a poll for dates. **ACTION - MO’D**

## 7. Thoughtful Living Group

- Earth Day, 22/04 - highlighting recycling opportunities.
- We are supporting Easter egg donation for disadvantaged children as well as the parish Lenten Charities.

## 8. Safeguarding

ML to pass ID verification forms to prospective Eucharistic Minister. Replacement for the Safeguarding role to be sought.

## 9. Engagement with the parish youth

- Canon Paul congratulated St Michael’s on our regular Children’s and Youth Masses. See activity by PD in item 4 above.
- KS to contact DW re Art Exhibition by children of St Martin’s on the theme of Easter. **ACTION - KS**
- TLG to offer link with the Live Simply coordinator at St Martin’s - a sounding board in applying for the Live Simply Award.
- Father Colin and Patrick Denton to be consulted on activities - **ACTION - MO’D, Deacon Brian**

## 10. Fundraising and social events

World Day of Prayer team may organise a service during the summer; this may be followed by a BBQ or bring and share supper to replace the safari supper which was time consuming and difficult to co-ordinate. **ACTION - Brian** to let the organisers of the World Day of Prayer know that St Michael’s can host this in our church hall.

## AOB

PF asked if the link for donations to St Michael’s could be made more obvious to make it easier to donate to the parish. **ACTION - Brian**

KS has been asked by the Reading Refugee Support Group, if we can hold on to our donation from the raffle until the next ‘doubling up day’ - finance committee has agreed.

## 12. Dates of next meetings

24/04/2025 joint meeting with the finance committee, then brief PPC meeting afterwards.  
21/05/2025

**Closing Prayer - Canon Paul**