

MINUTES OF PARISH FORUM MEETING April 5th 2017

Present: Fr John, Fr Kevin, Margaret Donnelly, Michael Bradley, Susan White, Peter White, Bernard Mercer, Anthony Fox, Arnold Marsden, K.Hargreaves, M.Hargreaves, Christine Cartwright, Lou Marsden, Andrew Brown (Chatburn), Michael Fox, Carol Riley, Betty Collinson, Daphne Marsden, Ena Davies, Marie Valovin, Susan Fellows, Neil Wallace, Andrew Brown (Sabden), Maureen Mercer, Anthony Brown, Janet Clegg, Anne Cooke, Ann Precious

1. Arnold opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting especially anyone attending for the first time.
3. **Apologies:** Grace Fellows, Peter Donnelly, Phil Withers, Bridgit Hilton, Tom Clay, Shiela Shore, Teresa Mercer, Jane Brown.
4. **Minutes of meeting held on February 8th** were accepted as a true record after Fr. John had quickly run through them.

5. Matters Arising:

- **Loop System**– Fr. Kevin will deal with this before Christmas
- **Coach to Dunsop** - concern expressed that St. Hubert's is too small to accommodate a coach load for the Christmas concert. It was pointed out that this was merely a suggestion and it is most likely that people would share lifts.
- **Social Centre** – question asked about funds. Full financial statement is not yet available however the Centre is not losing money, it is making a small profit.

6. Update – Anthony Brown

- **Caritas** – “Beacon” –the Caritas newsletter is available. Will also be on website. Please read and find out more about what Caritas is doing. Diocese is the principle sponsor of Citizen's UK and brings together church groups interested in the fight for social justice. On May 1st there is a Migrant's Mass celebrating our diversity and the common good and led by Salford Diocese. It coincides with the launch of the Greater Manchester UK Assembly. This is taking the main issues of Social Care, Real Living Wage, Hate Crimes and Housing and Homelessness to the Greater Manchester Mayoral candidates. Please come to these events. More details from Anthony Brown or Meriel Woodward.
- **Anti-Trafficking** – Donna Worthington is putting on a play, “Blackbirds at Dawn” at the Black Box Theatre, Lancaster. It is about modern slavery, survival, fear, hope entrapment and what it means to live a human life. It will be on Fri.15th and Sat. 16th Sept. and consideration is being given to taking a minibus from the Parish.
- **Together Lancashire** – is a database to include every charity group or organization offering any sort of help to people in need. SVP. Refugee Response and Anti Trafficking should be there.

7. Review of Recent Events.

There have been no special events since last meeting. Sale of lilies for the Easter altar are going well.

8. Welcome Leaflet

The final leaflet was handed out. Bridgit has had 100 printed by RVBC at a cost of £9.

9. Planning

Fr. John has received a letter proposing the building of 10 luxury flats on the car park behind the Mosque. The land is owned by Lappet Manufacturing. This would potentially mean 20 cars parked there and would seriously impact on parking and access for SMSJ and the area in general. Log on to www.ribblevalley.gov.uk 3/2017/0184 to see the proposals. Fr. requests that as many letters as possible are submitted objecting on the grounds of parking and access. Neil Wallace to write to Clitheroe Advertiser.

10. New Parishioners' Support Group.

Welcome Group met on March 29th and made a number of decisions –

- Group to be known as **Salvete** meaning “Hello” (*accuracy of Latin to be checked*)
Group members will make a point of greeting everybody with a simple “Hello” .
Aim to build a better community within the Parish so that we become more welcoming to everybody.
- Each member of the group to approach a specific Parish group for details and information. This **links** with the Communication & Media Group’s aspiration to have information on all groups on the website.
- Salvete will take on the task of updating and reissuing the Parish directory, last updated in 2007.

11. Mass Times.

Parishioners of St. Hubert’s have expressed serious concern for Fr. Chaloner’s health and the Diocese have asked Fr. John to take over the Sunday Mass within the next month. There was some discussion as to how best one priest can manage 4 masses at the weekend. It is not possible to change mass time at Clitheroe or Sabden . A decision will be made at a meeting at Dunsop Bridge on Wednesday 19th April.

12. Refugee Response.

This left until next meeting. Apologies from Tom Clay who was unable to attend this meeting.

13. Laudate Si.

Nigel Evans MP has agreed to come to a forum after the 9.30 Mass on April 30th to discuss and answer questions on the content of Laudate Si. A meeting is to be held on Tuesday 18th April at 7.30 to plan this and formulate questions.

14. Mass of Healing – 7th May

Forms will be at back of Church for this at the weekend. SVP and Knights are organizing transport and arrangements. Help needed setting up hall, putting out refreshments, serving refreshments and clearing up. Margaret is to put notice asking for this help in the newsletter.

15. Weld Day – July 2nd

At the November ‘16 meeting Tom and Catherine Clay, Peter White and Bernard Mercer agreed to co-ordinate this day.

16. Maintenance.

a) Dunsop - Barrels of flowers are to be placed at the gate to ensure that lorries and other vehicles don’t catch the roof of the lynch gate.

b) Sabden – Boiler still to be fixed. Lights have made a difference to visibility and security.

c) Dower House - £2745 paid to insulate the windows – double windows installed to comply with listing regulations.

d) SMSJ – At the Maintenance Committee meeting it was confirmed that all property must be painted and some windows need repairing, estimated cost is £5000. Fr. John has approached the Diocese for the relevant papers.

Dogs and teenagers are now deterred from the grounds but a thorn bush is to be planted in the corner of the field where the fence has been broken.

e) Social Centre – remaining snags in the ladies toilets to be completed. The loop system is being dealt with.

17. Readers' Course – Peter D to be asked to look into what need there is and arrange any necessary training. he will liaise with Toni O'D.

18. Chrism Mass.

This will now take place on Wednesday of Holy week in Salford Cathedral at 11 am. 5 tickets are available for Parishioners who would like to attend.

19. Parish Youth Representative.

Each Parish in the Diocese must have a Parish Youth Rep. aged between 18 and 25. Anyone interested or who knows anyone suitable please speak to Fr. John. The Deanery Youth Rep. is a young teacher from St. Augustines.

20. Parish visit to Wardley Hall.

Bishop John is keen for Parishes and Parish groups to visit Wardley Hall. There is a list of suggested activities for visits.

21. Ukulele Band.

Fr. John now has an agreement with Kevin Shepherd that, whenever there is a meeting in the hall, there will be no ukulele band in the background.

22. Parish Groups

i) Ladies Group – 50 people attended the Tea Dance on 29th March. Fashion Show on March 2nd raised £250 for Derian House. Coffee Morning to be held on 29th April in the Mayor's Parlour. 24th May Concert – Go on Tour, with high tea.

ii) Pause for Hope Service – Sunday April 30th at 3pm. This is aimed at people touched by Cancer. Everyone is welcome. Front line workers are saying the bidding prayers, cancer prayer cards to be distributed and there will be an opportunity to take up a candle in remembrance of someone. This is an Ecumenical service.

iii) Knights of St Columba – Jumble Sale to help St. Augustine's Lourdes Group.

23. Dates of next Meeting.

Wed. 10th May 2017 – 7.30 pm

Wed. 5th July

The meeting closed at 9 pm