

Laudato Si' Meeting: 22 January 2020

Present: Mark Wiggin, Anthony Brown, Ann Cooke, Sheila Shore, Zoe Mabbott, Debra Schofield.

Apologies: Margaret Parsons, Grace Fellows, Betty Collinson

1. Action Points from last meeting

a) Sheila will approach St Mary's

Sheila, Andrew Brown, Anthony and Mary Brown visited St Mary's on November 18 and were shown round by Debra Schofield who elaborated further at the Laudato Si' meeting, attending in place of Mr Mashiter (teacher at St Mary's and a parishioner at Clitheroe, St Michael and St John's) who had another commitment.

St Mary's started by engaging the children but then involved the parents. One result is so many eco-bricks they have a large surplus. The eco-bricks are mainly 4 pint bottles in the tables and benches with some mixed sizes.

Recycling bins are Blue (glass and tin), Green (paper), Yellow (non-recyclable food) and Red (non-recyclable). Food goes in compost bins. Paper and non-recyclable are in classes with others outside the door. Bread is non-recyclable. The benches are used by the school for lunch. Six children are in charge of recycling and look after the "God's Garden" which grows vegetables, between February and September. They put in 40 minutes per week.

b) Anthony/ Sheila will approach Zoe Mabbott at Clitheroe

Sheila met Zoe Mabbott at St Michael and St John's on December 6 and Zoe presented at the Laudato Si' meeting with input and suggestions from others.

For St Michael and St John's we could link with the school and start some raised beds. Year 6 would be the active pupils and would hopefully carry on and create a link with St Augustine's. Zoe suggested that there could be St M&J/St Augustine's transitional link during the school day.

Zoe reported on the St M&J "Scrappy Scheme" – recycling crisp packets. Crisp packets are not widely recycled.

Zoe reported that two parents are interested in environmental issues.

Action: Zoe to contact them to see if they are interested in being part of this group.

c) Ann will approach Olga Jackson at Dunsop Bridge

Ann visited Thorneyholme who reported a lot of good work. They are a forest school and have access to and use of part of the adjoining woodland. They have their own

comprehensive recycling programme which includes upcycling of clothing, shoes and school bags. This is implemented via the PTA twice a year and includes emergency underwear which is invaluable when children have “accidents”.

- d) Anthony will approach Fr Paul to find out about Laudato Si’ initiatives at his former parish and linked school**

Fr Paul was unaware of any initiatives in the church or adjoining school

- e) Mark toexplore the issues and costs [of Parish recycling] further .**

The Environmental Officer will be meeting with Bishop John soon and Mark will raise the question of the policy.

- f) Mark will finalise and arrange [a interdenominational Refugee Day Out meeting]**

The meeting was held on 8 January. The next one will be on February 5.

- g) Andrew to organise [one Free Trade Sunday during Advent]**

We will approach Andrew about a Free Trade Sunday in 2020

- h) Anthony Brown to seek a copy of the St Michael and St John’s grounds survey from Fr Paul.**

Fr Paul was unaware of the existence. Anthony will draw up the perimeter of the grounds from a map of Clitheroe and Google Earth and we can put in details using a surveying tape and compass.

2. Outstanding action points from the last meeting

There are some outstanding action from the last meeting which we will pursue between now and the next meeting.

- a) Action: Mark and Anthony to prepare and deliver a Parish Forum presentation.
Action: Anthony to draft a motion for the Parish Forum to direct churches to observe Fairtrade procurement which Peter will sign and present.**

Mark has spoken to Fr Eamonn Mulcahy who has agreed to present to the Parish between New Year and Lent.

- b) Action: Mark to fix a date**

Suggested action from Global Healing

The series of Global Healing events produced a number of ideas to progress which we will pursue at the next meeting. A few ideas were raised on how we might take ideas forward:

- *Circulate ideas for a New Year Resolution pledge*
- *Capture stories on Facebook*
- *Do a newsletter back page*

c) Action: All

The film: Pope Francis, a Man of his Word, was well received and should be shown again. It was proposed that we give the wider faith and non-faith community an opportunity perhaps at the United Reform Church.

d) Action: Anthony to approach Geoff Holmes

e) Action: We agreed to present on progress at the next but one Parish Forum. This will include putting guidelines for the Parish on recycling and Fairtrade. We have the Fairtrade award already but good practice is not currently being observed and needs to be reinstated.

3. Other Business

Bob Turner will come over to St Michael and St John's to advise on plans.

We understand that Kevin Shepherd will support recycling in the parish hall if we can initiate and take responsibility.

Action: Sheila will approach St Mary's Primary School, Sabden

Green cones are a good idea. They are bottlomless and dug into the ground so the compost goes in directly. However they are expensive at nearly £100 each.

Groundworks will design and part build eco-environments. They are a free service to serve the community. They are national with an outlet in the North West.

Wardley Hall no longer need eco bricks.

Action: Anthony will explore with Arnold Marsden if we can store eco bricks in the cellar at St Michael and St John's.

Next meeting – 25 March

Action: Anthony will book the room via Janet