

**Laudato Si' Meeting, St Michael & St John's School 3.30pm Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Attendees: Anthony Brown, Katrina Harkin, Betty Collinson, Kay Curphrey, Liz Cullen, Phil Ryan

Apologies: Mark Wiggin, Keeley Ireland, Olga Jackson, Ewa Holmes, Anne Peplow

Item	Actions
<p><b>School and Parish Garden</b></p> <p>Noted – there are now more than 300 eco bricks prepared by the schoolchildren for use in the garden.</p> <p>Noted – Two more raised beds are ready to be completed with eco bricks. Also noted – trenches may be required because of the lower height level of one bed.</p> <p>Noted – the grant monies obtained for the school garden must be spent by the end of July 2023.</p> <p>Agreed – the alternative solution to the dangerous rubber mulch area should be an eco and child-friendly solution.</p> <p>Noted – disposal of the waste mulch commercially is very expensive.</p> <p>Noted- an alternative access to the far area of the school garden avoiding the rubber mulch could be useful.</p> <p>Agreed – priorities for volunteers in the gardens are <b>leaf clearing</b> and the <b>composting bins</b>. Also agreed – if <b>soil</b> is delivered (4<sup>th</sup> Feb), to move it to the tractor tyre area.</p> <p>Agreed – more wood-chip is needed.</p> <p>Agreed – Saturday morning gardening dates will be as follows:  <b>Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 10.00 am</b>  <b>Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> February 10.00 am</b>  <b>Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 10.00 am</b></p> <p>Agreed – garden sessions should be followed by an informal meeting with attendees to discuss progress and initiatives (12-12.30)</p>	<p><b>Action: Anthony</b> to speak with Steve Burrows at Wardley Hall for guidance of replacement surfaces for the rubber mulch area.</p> <p><b>Action: Katrina</b> to ask if access via the hedge is an option.</p> <p><b>Action: Katrina</b> to see if a 600ltr ‘builder’s bag’ of soil can be delivered on the morning of 4<sup>th</sup> February</p> <p><b>Action: Anthony</b> to ask for more-wood chip.</p> <p><b>Action: Anthony</b> to seek the key to the parish garden gate.</p> <p><b>Action: Katrina</b> to publish gardening dates on the parent’s link seeking volunteers.</p> <p><b>Action: Anthony</b> to get these gardening dates included in the parish newsletter.</p>
<p><b>Laudato Si' Parish Communication Meeting</b></p> <p>Noted- there was some discussion on the effectiveness of an event to invite parishioners to see progress on Laudato Si' initiatives.</p> <p>Noted – Anthony has already asked Olga Jackson if she would be prepared to make a presentation.</p>	<p><b>Action: Anthony</b> to ask Olga if 1<sup>st</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> February would be suitable date for the meeting.</p>
<p><b>Date and time of next meeting. TBA</b></p>	