

## Minutes of the Parish Forum held on Wed. May 15th 2013

### **Present:**

Peter White (Chair), Rev. J. Corcoran, Margaret Donnelly, Susan White, Arnold Marsden, Peter Donnelly, Lou Marsden, Teresa Mercer, Maureen Mercer, Andy Brown, Peter Sutcliffe, Janet Clegg,

1. The meeting opened at 7.30 with a prayer led by Chris Carr.
2. Peter W. welcomed everyone to the meeting and a special welcome to Nigel Ricks, chairman of the CCP.

### **3. Clitheroe Food Bank ( Nigel Rix )**

This is to open on July 8<sup>th</sup> after much preparation. The number of people living below the poverty line is steadily rising and this is reflected in the Ribble Valley. The food bank will be affiliated to the Trussle Trust which has been involved in opening over 300 food banks and is motivated by Jesus teaching on poverty and injustice. It will be located in the Wesley Room at Trinity Church, open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 2pm and will provide families with 3 days of non perishable food using a voucher system. Families will be referred by the front line care agencies, eg CAB, Health Centres, Social Services, who will have vouchers for distribution. Schools may be included as care agencies. Food will be provided by individuals at drop off points eg salvation army, Churches etc, by schools and supermarkets. Tesco is to have the first collection and will add 35% of the value of what is donated. Trained signpost volunteers will offer clients a light lunch, listen and signpost people to further support.

Volunteers are essential to help in a variety of ways. Prayers for the success of the food bank and for all involved with it are needed and financial donations welcome.

The food bank is not primarily a welfare service. It is motivated by a desire to share the love of Christ and to help clients to find renewed self esteem and opportunities to thrive through faith in Jesus. We pray that each person welcomed to the food bank will feel the warmth of god's love uplifting their lives.

Mike Bradley was unanimously elected as our food bank ambassador and our representative on the executive committee.

It was agreed that we have a retiring collection for the food bank.

Volunteer forms available at the end of the meeting.

### **4. Apologies:**

. Les Collinson, Betty Collinson, Bernard Mercer, Patsy Holgate.

### **5. Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup> were accepted and signed

### **6. Matters arising**

Clock in hall now has white hands

### **7. Review of Recent Events.**

- ❖ **Easter Services** These were all well done, prayerful and enjoyable.
- ❖ **Year of Faith Vigil** This was a special, meaningful service enjoyed by all who attended.
- ❖ **Confirmation** Bishop Brain's involvement was appreciated and service went well. Congratulations to Vincent and the school choir.

### **8. Finance Report.**

Fr. J presented this using power point.

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>£135269</b>	<b>£140377</b>
(Collections & Gift Aid	£70.166	£70.078) <i>over 50% of income.</i>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Church	£43675.97	£22417.90
Presbytery/Meeting Rm	£14304.43	£13406.78
Parish Centre/Sabden	£2003.77	£1534.30
Clergy	£5044.50	£4201.45
Prize Money	£2014.22	£1875
Wages	£5967	£4657.44/
Capital Exp	£92,000	£32179
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>£99262</b>	<b>£85645</b>
<b>Total Profit</b>	<b>£36007</b>	<b>£54731</b>

Capital Exp 2012 Altar - £3830, Clith Bell - £6376, Sab. Bell - £6508, Chimney Repairs - £1912, Photocopier - £700, Security System - £752, Presbytery/Sacristy - £12099

There was a graph comparison of monthly collections in Sabden and Clitheroe . £25000 of collection money was not gift aided. Need for gift aiding was emphasised.

Maintenance committee have a rolling maintenance plan. Church roof repairs, Gutter cleaning and Dower House are planned capital expenditure for 2013.

#### **9. Frankie's Ordination.**

One place left on bus. Spiritual Bouquet for people to fill in will be at the back of church from Sunday onwards.

Masses, Communion, Rosaries and Works of Charity can be offered. No names to be put on. Collection for money will be done with envelopes. Margaret to arrange notice in news letter and envelopes in June.

#### **10. Defibrillator.**

We have raised enough money for 4 defibrillators. These will be put in Church in Clitheroe and Sabden, in School and in social Centre. Demonstration to be organised soon.

#### **11. Weld Day.**

Arrangements and refreshments all in hand. Mass time to be checked from last year, will be at 10.30am.

#### **12. Mass of Healing.**

30<sup>th</sup> June 2pm S.V.P will organise notice in news letter and forms. When forms are returned lifts will be arranged in liaison with the Knights. Ladies to do teas and Daphne to choose music for the Liturgy.

Knights prepare room for service.

#### **13. Baptism Preparation.**

Marina requested that we have a team of people for this. At present she is the only person doing it. She suggested that parishioners were offered a Course in Catechises as training should be combined with experience and this would help people to develop in faith. Marina to address parishioners through the back page of the news letter initially.

#### **14. Website.**

Serious problems with this, nothing has been done for 12 months and it is not user friendly for those who need to add or change items. Meeting to be arranged to discuss the possibility of starting again.

#### **15. Church Benches.**

Another bench has been refurbished at a cost of £300. Some parishioners have already offered to sponsor a bench. It was suggested that cushioning be put on first three benches. There was a strong view from the meeting that refurbishing the benches was the wrong priority at a time when there were families who needed a food bank to help feed their families. It was agreed that cushioning be looked into and Fr. John will cost these. Also number of benches will be reduced. First Communion was discussed and Fr. John was emphatic that we follow these new arrangements voted for by the parents i.e. 11am Saturday morning 8<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **16. Right to Life**

Walk takes place on Monday may 26<sup>th</sup> and will be led by Archbishop Kelly and people from all over the North West.

Peter D asked if it was possible for people to be prepared in advance for very muddy conditions. Sponsor forms available.

#### **17. School Report**

Clitheroe – Food tasting evening to be held next week, more support needed if this is to take place.

Blue Bags for schools collection on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### **18. Reports**

- ❖ **Street Signage** – Mike reported that £122 has been paid and 5 signs should be erected within 6 weeks.
- ❖ **K.S.C.** – Knights will pay £500 this year to sponsor a priest's training and ask the Parish to pay £500 next year. They are paying £500 towards cost of Social Centre.
- ❖ **Cafod.** – May 25/26<sup>th</sup> parishioners will be invited to sign a card for the campaign "Enough Food for Everyone IF", calling on our P.M. to make a change on our food system when he hosts the G8 summit meeting in Ireland in June. Because of unfair sharing of food 1 in 8 go to bed hungry in a world that produces enough food for everyone. Please support. Mass on Thurs. June 6<sup>th</sup> will be for Cafod to pray for the success of the London Rally and the G8 meeting. Please support.
- ❖ **Ladies Group.** – Coffee morning raised £470. Trip to Arborerum was very successful. 29<sup>th</sup> May, talk "Lives and troubles in Humorous Rhythm. 22<sup>nd</sup> June Rossendale Male Voice choir. Tickets £5. 26<sup>th</sup> June, Mystery Tour.

#### **19. Date of Next Meeting**

**September 11<sup>th</sup> 7.30**

**Sabden**

Meeting closed at 9.35

