

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH MEETING

Tuesday, 6th September 2011, at 7 p.m.

Present: Fr. Paul Lomas, Marie Allen, Joan Bleackley, Dorothy Brady, Angela Dennehy, Kate Fay, Denise Hardman, Delia Lucas, Colette McAndry, Ann Taylor, Graham Rollason

Apologies: Ben Earp

1. The meeting opened with a prayer.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted, following amendments to LPA Items in July Minutes: item [i] refers to 8.4 and item [ii] refers to 8.3.
3. Matters arising: to be dealt with under appropriate headings.

4. LITURGY

- 4.1 BAPTISMS:
- 4.2 MARRIAGE: one September.
- 4.3 First Holy Communion – CCJS Year 4 and Year 3 prayer partners - preparation for FHC.
Mass for children 28th September 2011.
- 4.4 Font: Father Paul contacted suppliers in August and was given a satisfactory up-date on progress
- 4.5 Taize Evening: to be celebrated on Sunday, 9th October. Choir rehearsal on the Thursday evening before.
- 4.6 Ann Taylor informed members of a CAFOD Conference/Service Day on "Climate Change", etc. to be held on Saturday, 1st October 2011. Initial activities at Salford Cathedral Conference Centre - Workshops, led by CAFOD Senior Official [senior personnel from CAFOD]. Ecumenical Service at Manchester Cathedral 5 p.m. followed by candlelit Vigil and procession. Conference finished 7.30 pm. Father Paul attending. Ann stated anyone attending would be required to register asap.
- 4.7 New Missal changes: General feeling was that change-over went well with only minor mistakes.
- 4.7.2 Joan Bleackley stated how much she appreciated the weekly Friday Holy Hours – she felt they had made a difference.
- 4.7.3 A young Seminarian, staying at the presbytery for a few days stated he did not know of anyone else praying for a successful change-over.
- 4.7.4 Collette McAndry felt that some of the print in the Mass booklets was too small e.g. choral parts. Fr. Paul confirmed he had fed this fact back to the printers.

5. FUND RAISING:

- 5.1 The Parish Draw for year 2010/2011:
August 2011 draw winners: 1st 143 £90 F. Mirtirabi 2nd 003 £22 G Austin
- 5.2 Draw for Year 2011/2012 - to date £2,550.00 raised., i.e. prize money of £106.00. Draw to be made towards the end of September to allow for late-applications.
- 5.3 Concern: Dorothy Brady confirmed CCIS had raised £300 at a Cake Sale held in July 2011, and donations/cash raised amounted to £120. The total of £420 had been passed to Concern on 19th July 2011. Money raised during August via the Developing World Box £121.27 and donations of £200 would be forwarded to Concern when total money from Parish Draw was available.
- 5.4 Discussion re new focus for fund raising – Don McLeish to be asked to present new project idea/s for Concern. Alternatively a new challenge to be agreed for next year's Parish Draw/fund-raising.
- 5.5 Father Paul still awaiting news re Concert: Hale Light Orchestra.
- 5.6 Christmas Fair to be held and discussed at next meeting. Activities for children to be organized. Christine Bodley making jam to sell. Possible date end October/beginning November.

AGREED: i Parish Draw money and August donations would be sent to Concern and note of "thanks" and total recorded in the Newsletter at the end of September.

ii Date and planning for Christmas fair to be agreed at next meeting.

6. YOUTH:

- 6.1 Graham Rollason – and all member, commented favourably on the number of young people acting as altar servers. Joan Bleackley confirmed 16 young people currently on Altar Servers list.

AGREED: Copy of Youth 'FLAME' event in London to be passed to Christine Bodley.

7. JUSTICE & PEACE

- 7.1 Climate Change Conference listed above.
- 7.2 Ann Taylor discussed briefly the draft plan for "One World Week" Service to be held at Christ Church on Wednesday, 26th October 2011. [followed by refreshments in the Hall]
- 7.3 Meeting of Ecumenical J&P Group to be held at Christ Church on Tuesday, 14th September at 7.30 pm in Parish Hall. Draft plan for One World Week to be finalised.

8. LOCAL PASTORAL AREA

8.1 Next meeting of LPA Wednesday, 12 October 2011.

AGREED: LPA Minutes not to be entered on web page. Graham to delete earlier Minutes.

9. MAINTENANCE

9.1.1 Father Paul confirmed and discussed the satisfactory completion of the Parish Hall maintenance, entrance door mats, canopy over entrance, and floor covering. Light fittings are yet to be checked.

10. ECUMENCIAL

10.1 Denise Hardman reported on the CTHG meeting in May 2011:

- a] Good Friday – very quiet – Discussion to consider whether hold the Service at 11 a.m. on Holy Saturday in 2012 – perhaps on the grass opposite Café Unity.
- b] Lenten Course enjoyed by those who attended and at times was quite lively. Fr. Paul congratulated Joan for adding to the materials provided as they were thinner than in previous years. The idea was discussed that in 2012 the CTHG would think of an aim for Heald Green and each church take on one topic [In the early stages as yet].
- c] Continuing efforts to be made to find a helper for Danny – youth worker.
- d] Two new treasurers have been appointed - one from Christ Church - Mike Handley.
- e] Constitution needs to be tidied up a little.
- f] Approximately £5,000 required for repairs to toilets and drains.
- g] Trafford Light Orchestra performed at Brown Lane Methodist Church on 18th June 2011.
- h] Christ Church – Warrington Male Voice Choir raised £821 for the Wellspring.
- i] URC held an Easter Fun Day.
- j] URC hold a “Bumps and Baby Group” on Thursday mornings.
- k] Brown Lane Methodist Youth Club – multi-denominational need two new leaders – years 5,6,&7 – Friday evenings 7.30 pm to 9 pm.
- l] New Life Church has become part of a larger group [‘Salt Light[Life?’] - felt that prayer had been their guidance in this step forward. Alpha Course had been successful.
- m] Discussion re joint Service of Worship/Picnic 17/24 July.
- n] Next meeting 22nd September 2011 at St. Catherine’s.
- o] A.G.M. 9th November 2011 at Christ Church Parish Hall.

10.2 Father Paul reported that the response for the Gospel Writing and decorations from the schools and parish was brilliant. He was looking forward to seeing the completed work.

11. SOCIALS

11.1 Quiz Night for fund raising to be held Friday 7 October Tickets £2. Collette and Delia organizing food. Ged Prizes. Noted need to start advertising .

11.2 Collette McAndry organizing theatre trip: to The Lowry in Salford “Scrooge” Tickets £25 coach £1.

11.3 Christmas Fair – suggested date last Saturday in November. Discussion next meeting

11.4 Race Night Friday early November. Marie Allen reported on discussion with Peter Burns.

AGREED: [i] Quiz Night to be advertised in Newsletter etc.

[ii] Christmas Fair to take place in November – discussions next meeting .

[iii] Fr. Paul to speak to Peter Burns re Race Night.

13. CHILD PROTECTION -- Nothing further to report.

14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 Cones – members discussed need for cones on roadside.

14.2 Fr Paul attending 2 day meetings in October on *New Evangelisation*.

14.3 ITEMS FOR WEB PAGES: Graham discussed with members an article from The Tablet ‘Reaching out world wide’ re Web pages with members and asked for ideas for developing Web page.

14.4 Members discussed a number of proposed ideas: Fr Paul suggest New Missal; Possibly page Café Unity and link to Café Unity; Item from Danny; Evangelising;

14.5 Noticeboard at church door good idea

14.6 “Word of God” for all people” with Fr Henry Wansbrough Wed 28 Sept 7.30pm St. Vincent’s Church Bramhall

14.7 Stockport Remembers – Woodbank Memorial Park Sat 17 September 11am – 4pm

14.8 Charity Vouchers – Denise Hardman to put out box and note for Newsletter – for her nursery.

14.9 **AGREED: [i] for safely and to allow ambulance/police to park in emergency cones would continue to be used.**

[ii] Members to consider 14.3 and discuss again or notify Graham of any suggestions for web pages.