

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH MEETING

Tuesday, 26th. July 2011, at 7 p.m

Present: Fr. Paul Lomas, Joan Bleackley, Angela Dennehy, Kate Fay, Delia Lucs, a Bernard McAndry, Colette McAndry, Ann Taylor

Apologies: Marie Allen, Christine Bodley,

1. The meeting opened with a prayer.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted, following amendments to Items 4.6 to read: 'LPA Penitential Service held at Christ Church, 6.30 p.m., Sunday, 10th April 2011.'
- 8.4Joan Bleackley referred members to an article.....
3. Matters arising: to be dealt with under appropriate headings.

4. LITURGY

- 4.1 BAPTISMS: 6 May; 1 June; 4 July; 4 due to take place in August.
- 4.2 MARRIAGE: 2 July; one next September.
- 4.3 First Holy Communion – Excellent celebration at the F.H.C. Thanksgiving Mass and later at the school celebration.
- 4.3 Font- Father Paul updated members and explained the process of creating the Font Shell and used Computer generated pictures to give members a glimpse of the colour and method of shaping the glass. Father Paul to check at the beginning of August when the font-shell will be fitted.
- 4.4 L.P.A Marion Year Celebration Service held at St. Ann's and the Christ Church Marian Year Celebration Mass and Holy Hour were well supported. Everyone was impressed with the image of Our Lady Help of Christians which Fr. Paul had bought, currently housed in the Lady Altar area. Joan Bleackley felt the image had been a good focus of devotion when positioned at the front altar and felt portability of the image was helpful.
- 4.5 **New Mass Liturgy** – New Parish Missals and leaflets would be used in September. Newsletter items in August, plus two evening meetings for Eucharistic Ministers and Catechists, would familiarize parishioners with the liturgy changes.

5 FUND RAISING:

- 5.1 The Parish Draw for year 2010/2011:
July 2011 draw winners: 1st 195 £90 G.Stephens 2nd 151 £22, D.Murphy
- 5.2 Strawberries & Bubbly Tea Party for St. Ann's Hospice raised a total of £442.00. Father Paul registered his thanks to Christine Bodley, and her team who helped in any way, for organizing and preparing the event. Special words of thanks were registered for Christine's delicious jam. Pleasant atmosphere overall at event.
- 5.3 The special collection for CAFOD's famine relief effort raised generous amount of £3,108.83.
- 5.4 Sunday, 31st July 2011 is the Church's "Day for Life" . Leaflet will be available for parishioners and a donation will be sent from parish funds. There will be no retiring collection.
- 5.5 Concert at Christ Church by Hale Light Orchestra for a chosen charity – No confirmation of a date received. Father Paul to enquire.

AGREED: i] 2011/12 Parish Draw: share still to be forward to Concern but discussions re change of focus to take place before next year's draw.

YOUTH:

- 5.6 Confirmation Catechists believe the new programme introduced by Christine Bodley was most successful. The general feeling was that the Confirmands participation was good and there was a general feeling of enjoyment emanating from the various groups. The Confirmation Service at Our Lady's was well organized, prayerful and enjoyable overall.
- 6.2 Youth Initiative in Heald Green: Danny had spoken at the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, 17th July. He gave parishioners an outline of the work being undertaken and need for volunteers to help with the Initiative. Father Paul discussed with members ways of moving the Youth Initiative further forward. Suggestions included promoting the Junior Youth Club held at Brown Lane and holding discussions with Guides and Confirmation Groups.
- 5.7 Altar Servers: Members express [delight, satisfaction, pleasure?] at seeing so many young people willing to be Altar Servers. Joan confirmed six boys and girls were in training.
- 5.8 Father Paul reported three new Seminarians were in training.
- 5.9 Father Paul confirmed the most recently ordained priest had been dispatched to Rome for further training.

AGREED: i] Research facts, eg ages, dates of meetings of youth at Brown Lane.

ii] Note in Newsletter calling a meeting of Guides and Confirmation Groups.

iii] Request in Newsletter for Volunteers to help Danny

7. JUSTICE & PEACE

- 7.1 Ben Earp confirmed 54 cards for Christian Aid were completed at the Heald Green Festival and posted to the Prime Minister. Further 118 sent to Mark Hunter regarding the "Early Day Motion" and 7-8 to other M.Ps.
- 7.2 Next Meeting of Ecumenical J&P Groups will be held at Christ Church in September,

- 7.3 "One World Week" to be held at Christ Church on Wednesday, 26th October 2011, speaker will be the son of Susan Turner from Brown Lane Methodist, who is setting up a Centre in Lisota for HIV victims and to provide facilities and help for families, etc.

AGREED: i] Ann Taylor to contact Susan Turner to confirm details re Speaker.
ii] "One World Week" to be discussed at September Meeting.

8. LOCAL PASTORAL AREA - reported by Joan Bleackley:

- 8.1 Following the success of the quiet Day held for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers during Advent last year, there will be a similar event held this year. No details yet.
- 8.2 There was an excellent report made by Mrs Christine Robinson on the work the Junior School has put into developing a new Key Stage 2 Religious Syllabus, based on "The Way, the Truth and the Life" as now required by the Diocese... Materials were brought for all to see and it was very inspiring to see the thought and care our children are receiving in this aspect of their Christian development.
- 8.3 Further discussion had taken place about the importance of supporting Christians in the Holy Land, the urgency of this and the pivotal role they hold. Fr. John Gordon is willing to take money directly to the Bishop when he leads next year's pilgrimage, if we are interested in supporting this. A one-off fund raising event near to the time of the visit was suggested and agreed.
- 8.4 A suggestion had been made to hold an annual celebration of marriage and renewal of vows in our own LPA rather than just the annual diocesan celebration of significant anniversaries. Some felt this to be unnecessary, others too exclusive and others that it would be poorly attended. **It was agreed to consult the parishes.**
- 8.5 Clergy and LPA members had recently attended an information evening about the new missal. It was felt best that parishes prepared for this on an individual basis.
- i] **Agreed Joan would advise LPA that members felt idea was exclusive of too many parishioners.**
- ii] **Joan Bleackley to inform LPA that money raising event would take place at Christ Church.**

9. MAINTENANCE

- 9.1 Father Paul reported that one new black bins had been ordered and received. One brown bin was promised.
- 9.2 Father Paul stated how good the grounds looked and his appreciation of a lovely team of people making sure they remain orderly.
- 9.3 Hall Canopies – ordered at a cost of £900 and Bernard confirmed work would commence when the supplier returned from holiday. The entrance slope to the Hall to be renewed. All materials ready. Bernard confirmed areas of the hall would be 'touched up' or repointed as on previous years. Father Paul declared the hall was looking "great".

10. ECUMENCIAL

- 10.1 Father Paul reported the "picnic in the Park" was poorly supported. He was the only representative from Christ Church. Twenty people attended. New Life Church had not been informed of the event.
- 10.2 Gospel copying – documents received from CCIS and are due to be received from CCJS. Ann Taylor confirmed that nothing happen in this area at the Festival.
- 10.3 Father Paul thanked Kate Fay for tending and caring for the sunflower seeds/plants and for the use of her greenhouse. The flower were available on the stall at the Festival.
- AGREED: Father Paul to invite people to meet in the Hall on a given day to complete some copying.**

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11. SOCIALS

- 11.1 Father Paul suggested a Barbecue in August. It was decided this was too short notice.
- 11.2 Quiz Night in October discussed for a social get-together.
- AGREED: Quiz night = Father Paul to supply questions, start advertising, charge £2 per head, Food to be organized by Collette McAndry and Delia Lucas. Prizes for winners – Collette to check with Ged**

13. CHILD PROTECTION -- Nothing further to report.

14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 14.1 Heald Green Festival great social success and raised £2,000 for local community.
- 14.2 Parish Draw prizes to be changed to give more people an opportunity to win.....dependent on number entering.
- 14.3 Check with Don McLeish re Concern focus or change to a different recipient each year.
- 14.4 Delia Lucas to hold meeting for Rome & Assisi trip on Thursday 18 August at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall
- 14.5 Godspell Concert at Palace on 21 October at 8 p.m. £25.50 – [poster to be displayed.]

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 6 September 2011 at 7 p.m.