

# CHRIST CHURCH PARISH MEETING

Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2011, at 7 p.m.

Present: Fr. Paul Lomas, Dorothy Brady, Angela Dennehy, Ben Earp, Denise Hardman, Delia Lucas, , Bernard McAndry, Collette McAndry, Graham Rollason, Ann Taylor.

Apologies: Joan Bleackley, Marie Allen

1. The meeting opened with a prayer.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted, following amendments to Items 4.6 First Forgiveness for Cheadle Infant children in Year 2 to take place on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012.  
5.3 Developing World Box for July, August, & September raised £121.27
3. Matters arising: to be dealt with under appropriate headings.

## 4. LITURGY

- 4.1 BAPTISMS: one booked for November and four booked for December.
- 4.2 MARRIAGE: one book for December.
- 4.3 FUNERALS: Two: Josephine Elliott, Bernard Poole.
- 4.4 Catholic Printing Company producing A5 Sunday Mass booklets. Father Paul confirmed he had ordered Copies in view of the larger printing and price difference being only £1.00 per 100. Copies will be available as from the second Sunday in Advent.
- 4.5 Taize Evening at Brown Lane Methodist Church, 9<sup>th</sup> October: Denise Hardman confirmed it was good.
- 4.6 Agreed dates for FHC 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May 2012. Parents' Evening held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November. 37 children enrolled so far.
- 4.7 First Forgiveness for Cheadle Infant children in Year 3 to take place on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012. Parents meeting will be held in February 2012.
- 4.8 Father Paul was considering a Rota for Monday morning Word and Communion Service. Three Eucharistic Ministers worked together recently – one person led the Morning Prayers; a second person read the First Reading, Psalm and Gospel, plus the Intercessions and one person led the Communion Celebration.

## 5. FUND RAISING:

- 5.1 The Parish Draw for year 2011/2012:  
November draw winners: 1<sup>st</sup> 097 M.Kelly 2<sup>nd</sup> 152 D. Oldham
- 5.2 CONCERN UNIVERSAL: Dorothy Brady read aloud a letter from Father Maningi and discussed with members the proposed new project for "Concern" fund raising. Father Maningi suggested that Christ Church members may wish to play a part in a large education programme, i.e. supply funding for furniture to be produce for a new Special Secondary School. The total required would be £6,000.00. A cheque for around £2,000 recently forward would be the first funding, leaving a further £4,000 to be raised. Copies of a summary of the plans forwarded by Fr. Maningi were circulated to members and it was agreed copies would be handed out with the Newsletter the weekend of 12/13 November.  
**AGREED: i] Project funding the furniture would be adopted; copies of the planning summary would be attached to the Newsletter 12/13 November 2011; Graham to publish a copy of Fr. Maningi's letter and the planning summary on the Website.**
- 5.3 CAFOD:  
i] CAFOD Cards re 'Don't drop the ball on Climate Change'. Ann Taylor confirmed that it had worked very well putting the Cafod cards out on the benches before each Mass - captive audience – and thanked everyone for a good response.  
ii] Father Paul questioned the spending of so much money on the postage of so many cards. Ann pointed out that CAFOD spending was available for inspection to anyone.
- 5.4 CHRISTMAS FAIR – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2011 after 11 am Mass:  
i] Father Paul confirmed he had received £100 for a Hamper which would be added to the Raffle Prizes.  
2] Raffle Prizes included Acer Notebook; £100 Hamper; £50 Cash; Bottle of Whisky; Stainless Steel Flasks; Luggage Bags.  
3] Cake Stall and Piety Stall would be set up on Saturday morning before the day of the Fair.  
4] Stalls will be manned by the following volunteers:  
Cake Stall – Dorothy Brady and helpers  
Preserves Stall – Christine Bodley and Marie Allen  
Catering – Annette Kirrane and helpers  
Children's Tombola - Children's Liturgy Group  
Repository - Denise Hardman, Mary Lavin  
Raffle - Graham Rollason and Ruth Hamilton.

## **6 YOUTH:**

- 6.1 Christine Bodley confirmed 15 seats had been booked for the "Flame 2012 Concert". This would be advertised in the New Year and transport would be booked.

## **7, JUSTICE AND PEACE**

- 7.1 Ann Taylor confirmed that the "One World Week Service" was very well attended and very good. The congregation all sat at the front of church which made a difference. Donations of over £250 were made on the night.
- 7.2 Four members of the parish attended and a Cafod *Energise Event* held at Crewe in October 2011 and were well motivated by the day. Ben Earp informed the parish of the CAFOD "*Live Simply*" Whole Parish Project highlighted at the event. Whilst recommending the idea to the parishioners Ben highlighted a few important points, for example,  
Project needs to be seriously considered; Whole parish action plan necessary; 100 things to do highlighted of which we could already tick a number; Concern would be seen as part of it; children would already be learning in school what we were doing – could be a link bringing families into the plans; Can only register for it if enough parishioners involved; CAFOD representatives come to the parish and assess before awarding; Justice and Peace group to discuss Project further at their next meeting on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> November.
- 7.3 Christmas Conscience Card signing to take place again for two weekends in Advent.

## **8. LOCAL PASTORAL AREA**

Report attached.

## **9. MAINTENANCE**

Father Paul reported on his recent meeting with David McQuillan regarding various maintenance requirements.

- Up-light fluorescent not working - quotation £2,960 plus VAT - rejected due to high cost.
- Sanctuary area still dark
- 3 bulbs which Father Paul and Mark put in have gone again – to be checked,  
and two new high-up floodlights - £1,150.00 plus VAT
- Storage Heater not working and being replaced.
- Porch lights and Hall light to be checked.
- Outside porch light to be reset. Etc.
- Microphone on lectern still to be checked.
- Woodford Carpets - edges of carpets replaced where necessary.
  - New carpet fitted in Confessional.
- Kneelers – quotation needed.

## **10. ECUMENICAL**

Discussions to be held on Lenten 2012 Course.  
A.G.M. of Churches Together to be held on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

## **11. SOCIALS**

- 11.1 Quiz Night held Friday 7 October 2011 was very enjoyable.
- 11.2 Date of proposed Race Night yet to be agreed.
- 11.3 Walsingham – over 30 people registered interest. Meeting to be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December at 8 p.m.

## **12. CHILD PROTECTION**

12.1 Diocesan representative meeting in the Parish Hall Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> November, from 9 am to 10.30 am. For forms to be checked.

## **14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 14.1 "New Evangelisation" meeting Father Paul attended was interesting
- 14.2 Graham Rollason still awaiting response from email to Ed Strachan re Youth Worker and CCHG Webpage.
- 14.3 Bernard McAndry stated that the "Welcomers Rota" at the 11 am Mass would be reduced to six.
- 14.4 Fr. Paul informed members that a new Apparitor was required for the 6.30 pm Mass because Frank was moving to another area.
- 14.5 Fr. Paul thanked member for faithfully coming along to the meetings.
- 14.6 Date OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at 7 p.m.