

**SACRED HEART PARISH  
 CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH PASTORAL  
 COUNCIL HELD ON 4 FEBRUARY 2016  
 in the Priest's Lounge**

PRESENT.

**Members:** Jenny Cairns (Chair), Kate Kirkland (Vice Chair), Faye McGillian (Secretary), Polly Harrison, Raja Gomez, Anne Waldron, Rehana Edun Noys, Matthew Hill, Chris Woodward.

**Parish Team:** Canon John Clark

Apologies for Absence: None

<i>Agenda</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
<p>1. <b>Opening reading and prayers:</b> Were led by Chris  <b>Apologies for absence:</b> None</p> <p>It was agreed that at future meetings the PPC prayer would be used as the opening prayer. Faye will ensure availability of the prayer cards.</p>	Faye
<p>2. <b>Identification of Items for 'Any Other Urgent Business'</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth minister</li> <li>• Website</li> </ul>	
<p>3. <b>Minutes</b> – accuracy, confirmation and any other matters arising from the last minutes not on the agenda.</p> <p>The minutes were agreed as accurate subject to the following corrections:          In item 2a, remove reference to 29 readers          In item 5bii, remove penultimate paragraph.</p> <p>Matters arising</p> <p>In item 3a, the bookshop to be a topic for March's meeting. Polly to contact the Tooting Centre again, to evaluate stocks/costs/logistics.</p> <p>In item 3c, John from the Diocesan office will be calling Polly tomorrow in relation to World Youth Day.</p> <p>In item 3d, 17 parishioners have now paid a deposit for the pilgrimage and the parish has been reimbursed for the flight deposit. A date will be given in the newsletter for other parishioners to respond by and then the details will be distributed to other neighbouring parishes as well.</p> <p>In item 5bi, Polly and Catherine Edser have booked the lower hall on 13 March for the Fairtrade breakfast after 8:15 and 9:45 Mass. Volunteers were asked for to help serve. Faye will help out. Kate suggested that Polly contact Celia Cviic as well. Polly and Catherine also wished to distribute Fairtrade chocolate (in exchange for a donation) for mothers on Mothers' Day which is the week before. This would also act as a taster for the event the following week.</p>	<p>Polly</p> <p>Jenny</p> <p>Faye, Polly</p>

4.	<p><b>Matters dealt with by the executive group since the meeting:</b>  There have been five forms received regarding the vacancies on the PPC, and another interested party. All agreed that the nominations showed a good diversity of parishioners (age, sex, ethnicity etc).  Cat Porter  Frederick Silver-Francis  David Toms-Sheridan  Maggie Rarieya  Chris Townsend</p> <p>Jenny explained that some of the nominations were from those who travelled a lot with work, some had not put down any more than the bare minimum information, and some had mentioned that they nominated themselves as they were concerned no-one had come forward.</p> <p>After discussion, it was proposed that all 5 be invited to come to the March and April meetings which would allow them to have a taster of the PPC and what it was about, to make an informed decision over whether to commit fully.</p> <p>Jenny will report back to the parish via an item for the newsletter.  Jenny will also link up with Canon John about setting a date for a commissioning service.</p>	Jenny Jenny
5.	<p><b>Standing items</b></p> <p><b>a. Finances and building works</b></p> <p>Chris reported that he had sent the profile of Diocesan collections to Jenny. There is a standard letter which Canon John sends to those who apply who are not successful. There are a few slots left this year for second collections but there are charities in the pipeline who are likely to fill these slots. Faye asked about second collections for the schools. The schools would need to apply in the same way.</p> <p>Matthew raised a point about a youth Alpha Course pilot which had run in Autumn 2015 for those who dropped out or did not wish to follow the Confirmation programme. He is hoping to run a fuller youth Alpha in April. There is an offer of training for volunteer leaders (currently 5) by Joe DePaula who works at Alpha for £35pp. Those present agreed that this could be funded from the PPC's budget.</p> <p>Polly asked if the Fairtrade chocolate could be purchased from the budget as well and then reimbursed by donation (see item 3 above). This was agreed.</p> <p>Matthew asked if the projector could be replaced as it was getting temperamental. Chris will look into this. It was noted that it did not work with Mac software.</p> <p><b>b. Items raised by Parishioners</b></p>	Chris



	<p>There needed to be sufficient people to follow up on each group's needs and names given who would then contact the new volunteers and allocate them to rotas.</p> <p>Chris asked how wide the remit was. Canon John asked that if any group needed more volunteers to let him know. When a date is fixed, there will be a notice in the prior Sunday's newsletter.</p> <p>The new parishioners 'Welcome Pack' needed to gain momentum. Polly, Faye and Chris agreed to look at this and come up with a definitive list of what should go into it.</p> <p>Canon John also reported that he intended to speak to Wendy Tansey and Canon Elias about developing a social events group, possibly a drama group, and a social group/event aimed at families.</p> <p>Bob Rathbone has been asked to do an audit of our sacred music. He will look at all Masses and come up with suggestions for developing music at Masses with respect to the different styles of Mass that we have (9:45 vs 11:15 for example). He will also look at resources, including hymn books. He will be reporting back after Easter.</p>	<p>Polly, Faye, Chris</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><b>Building Missionary Parishes</b> Dealt with as part of item 9.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p><b>CW paper on supporting the lonely</b> Lots of ideas were suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taking someone to a garden centre</li> <li>• Taking someone's shopping to them</li> <li>• Investigate the Wimbledon Guild training for befrienders/forming neighbourhood groups</li> <li>• Holding events where it doesn't matter if you come alone (the barn dance was a good example of this, others include cinema trips, a book club etc)</li> <li>• Introduce yourself to a person at Mass on Sunday whom you know by sight but not their name, or anything about them.</li> <li>• Contacting the current passengers who are driven to Mass to see if they know of any others, or have any ideas.</li> <li>• Hold a house Mass and invite your neighbours in the street (leaflet through the door)</li> </ul> <p>It was concluded that we all needed to have a heightened awareness of loneliness but that the project should have a more positive focus – a reaching out parish, a social and friendly parish etc.</p> <p>Matthew recommended a BBC2 programme 'The Age of Loneliness' which gave a good insight into the wide remit that it has.</p> <p>The nominees will be asked to bring some ideas to the next meeting in March and we will revisit this topic again to review progress.</p>	

10.	<b>Items for future meetings:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Papal Encyclical on Care for Creation</li> <li>b. PPC Role/Review of PPC Handbook (Mar 2016)</li> <li>c. Bookshop</li> </ul>	KK
11.	<b>Items for inclusion in Edgeways:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reaching out to our parishioners and the wider community</li> </ul>	FM
12.	<b>Date of Next Meeting and prayer leader:</b> Thursday 3 March 2016 8pm in the Parish Lounge, Jenny.  <b>NEW AGENDA ITEMS AND PAPERS FOR INCLUSION WITH THE NEXT AGENDA SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY FAYE <u>NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY.</u></b>	