



	<p>query whether we should look into paying someone to do this, and keep it up to date. Canon John suggested that Jocelyn could be taught how to update the website. Matthew suggested that we invest in some training for her. It might also be possible to get to a situation where people could upload their own events. It was agreed that Canon John would speak to Jocelyn and would contact Natalie for ideas on training. Canon John mentioned that he has received very positive comments about the website.</p> <p>d) Welcoming packs: Chris has sent material to Polly.</p>	Canon John
	<b>STANDARD BUSINESS/INFORMATION MATTERS</b>	
5.	<p><b>Matters dealt with by the executive group since the last meeting</b> Jenny reported on matters dealt with by the executive group as follows:</p> <p>a. <b>PPC nominations:</b> some potential members had dropped out but she was very pleased to confirm that David, Maggie and Cat would be joining the PPC.</p> <p>b. <b>Volunteer Recruitment Day:</b> Jenny had been in touch with the various parish groups, to enquire about specific vacancies – this was not a general recruitment drive. 12 groups had replied, and some had gaps for group leaders. In total, 62 volunteers were needed, including 12 reader reserves. A small number of people had said they were willing to join an event organised by Canon John to brainstorm how to recruit group leaders. Jenny was putting together an information sheet that would be circulated 2 weeks prior to the recruitment day on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April. Matthew said that from his experience with the Alpha course it was better not to ask for volunteers but to ask people directly to do things. He also suggested that we make a big push for the recruitment drive, with an announcement at Masses before 10<sup>th</sup> April. Everyone agreed. It was noted that some groups were very desperately in need of support e.g. for the children’s liturgy – about 100 children from the 9.45am Mass were involved – but this would collapse if we couldn’t get more volunteers. Chris confirmed that he had contacted some people direct re the Finance Committee. Polly suggested we target particular groups at particular Masses. David suggested that we target cars in the car park with flyers and all agreed this was an excellent suggestion. David added that people volunteering may want to be supported and it was important to get this message across as well. Jenny mentioned that some volunteers were desperate to stand down after many years of giving their time.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Standing items:</b></p> <p>a. <b>Finances and building works – report from Chris Woodward</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Finance Committee had met on 1<sup>st</sup> March and had approved the end of year accounts. There was a slight surplus (though we had planned for a budgeted deficit).</li> <li>• The database project was progressing well. Information was still being uploaded. The committee had considered the possibility of converting this to a CRM system and would investigate: it would be require investment but there would be benefits.</li> <li>• Samples and costs were being reviewed for the replacement of the curtains in the upper hall.</li> <li>• The committee was looking for an additional member – a possibility being that this person had experience of building works.</li> <li>• The committee had discussed the funding of repairs to the church roof. The bid process for the Heritage Lottery Fund was very demanding. Funding of up to £1m available from HLF. Alternatively funding of up to £0.25m was potentially available from the Places of Worship Fund. It was estimated that the works would cost in</li> </ul>	

	<p>the region of £0.5m plus VAT @ 20% (which might be avoidable)</p> <p><b>b. Items raised by Parishioners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fair Trade: Catherine Edser had raised the point that the tea, coffee and sugar at the Presbytery were not Fair Trade and should be as we are a Fair Trade Parish. She had enquired who ordered these supplies. It was noted that the ordering was done by Thelma and Arthur, and that the PPC would put them in touch with Catherine</li> <li>• Stop Trident Leaflets: a parishioner had complained about the Stop Trident leaflets that had been handed out by Alison Williams, on the grounds that this was a political activity. Canon John had asked the PPC to look at this, and Jenny had consulted with Kate and with Faye, and had written to the parishioner, saying we thought it had not been inappropriate to distribute the leaflets. She had not had a further response.</li> <li>• Car Parking: issues with car parking had been raised again. There was in particular a lack of space for the 10am Mass and for funerals. It was thought that teachers at the College were probably using the car park, as it was empty at half terms and school holidays. Chris explained the current scheme, which was that we photograph cars 'in breach' and report this to an enforcement agency. It was agreed that people need to be aware that there are consequences if they misuse the car parking space, which is very limited, and that we have a 'blitz' using the enforcement agency. David suggested that we put a CCTV sign on a white van – what was needed was a deterrent. It was agreed that Jenny and Chris would discuss.</li> </ul> <p><b>c. Deanery information</b> Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>d. Report from Think Tank</b> The Think Tank had not met since the last PPC meeting but would be meeting the following week.</p>	Jenny and Chris
7.	<p><b>Any other urgent business</b> See also items 3 and 4 above</p> <p>Matthew reported on the success of the Alpha training course, which 6 parishioners had attended. It had been a fantastic course that would help keep the group together. It was money very well spent and we would get a lot from it. Matthew said that there were plans to set up a Youth Alpha Course and there would be a conference at HTB about this. There would also be a new global launch (with Bear Grylls) in the Autumn.</p> <p>Polly reported that she had followed up on World Youth Day with John at Southwark. There were only 10 places remaining and we needed to act quickly if we wanted them. Polly would write something for the newsletter.</p>	Polly
	<b>DISCUSSION ITEMS – PARISH PRIORITIES ETC</b>	
8.	<p><b>Matters which Canon John wishes to raise</b> Canon John had no matters to raise.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Bookshop update – Polly</b> Polly had been in touch with Tooting Bec. They have to order books specifically and cannot do a 'sale or return'. They had suggested we deal with the publishers direct. Possibly link with Aid to the Church in Need.</p>	

<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>Building Missionary Parishes – finalisation of ideas</b></p> <p>The PPC is of the view that the Parish will not welcome a further reviewing and planning exercise – this is something that has already been done. However we should decided what are our realistic priorities, and link these with Chris’s paper on Loneliness. There is a limit to how much PPC members can take on.</p> <p>Maggie reported that she had attended a talk about ‘Running for Good’ – young people were getting involved by running to spending time with an older person. There were dual benefits – fitness for the young people and company for the elderly. Was there something in this? Could we connect the younger people with the older parishioners? Jenny said that it was good to do something that was already tried and tested. We could look at linking up with getting the Young Adults Group together and working again – finding some common purpose. She suggested that we launch as a Parish initiative, under the umbrella of the Year of Mercy.</p> <p>Jenny commented on the role of the Parish Council. Social Action was a focus for the Year of Mercy. Step 1 was to build up existing parish organisations, with a focus on the volunteer day on 10<sup>th</sup> April. Step 2 was to follow up – having supported the various groups, perhaps follow up with a general meeting with representatives of all groups – link this with the theme of missionary parishes. There was a discussion as to whether a further meeting was the best way forward, or whether it would be better to meet to discuss and action particular initiatives e.g. street parties.</p> <p>David commented on the Gold, Silver, Bronze approach used in the Police Force – as a way of developing, organising and implementing strategy. The PPC would be the Gold Level – setting strategy; the volunteer groups the Silver level; and individual members of groups the Bronze level.</p> <p>In conclusion it was agreed that the focus should be on the Volunteer Sunday, and that other things could be moved forward as part of the Year of Mercy.</p>	
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b>CW paper on Supporting the Lonely – finalisation of ideas</b> This item was discussed with reference to agenda item 10 above.</p>	
<p><b>12.</b></p>	<p><b>Recruitment of Volunteers and Volunteer Sunday – including date setting</b> This had been organised.</p>	
<p><b>13.</b></p>	<p><b>Setting date for Parish Day/PPC Annual Meeting</b> It was suggested and agreed that the Annual Parish Day be held on a Saturday morning (after the 10am Mass) rather than on a Sunday, in order to increase the likelihood of parishioners being able to attend. The morning of <i>Saturday 11 June</i> was provisionally identified and Faye would check availability of the hall etc.</p>	<p>Faye</p>
<p><b>14.</b></p>	<p><b>PPC Role/Review of PPC Handbook</b> Deferred until next meeting</p>	
<p></p>	<p><b>CONCLUDING MATTERS</b></p>	
<p><b>15.</b></p>	<p><b>Items for future meetings</b> <b>a. Papal Encyclical on Care for Creation</b> Jenny suggested a note about elections to the PPC.</p>	
<p><b>16.</b></p>	<p><b>Items for inclusion in Edgeways</b> a. An update on the PPC strategy b. Information about Volunteer Sunday</p>	

<b>17.</b>	<b>Close of meeting</b> Jenny thanked everyone for their contributions and for supporting her over the years during which she had been Chair of the PPC. She said she had pleasure in handing over to Kate who was the new Chair and would take over from the next meeting. Kate presented Jenny with a gift from the members of the PPC. A dinner was planned for Thursday 21 April to thank Jenny. Canon John would offer Mass first.	
<b>18.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting and Prayer Leader</b> Thursday 7 April 2016 at 8pm in the Parish Lounge. Prayer Leader: Raja Gomez	