

**Sacred Heart PPC Meeting**  
**8.00pm Thursday 5 December 2019**  
**Parish Lounge**

**Present**

Anne Waldron, chair  
David Hurst, secretary  
Edward de Quay  
Clare Hobart  
Clare Purtill  
Sr Dorothy  
Kelly Hockey, adult faith formation  
Chris Woodward, finance committee  
Also present by invitation: Sarah Tobin, parish environment group

**Apologies**

Canon John Clark  
Jayco Wamsteker, deputy chair  
Siobhan Heffron  
Sr Francis  
Julian Burling  
Eleanor Bowman

**1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Minutes of meeting of 7 November approved subject to amendment on Votive Candles: no final decision had been taken, PPC to consider recommending a trial run

**ACTION:** post minutes on church lobby notice board and web site (DH)

**2. FOLLOW UP FROM LAST MEETING**

*Streaming of services:* streaming of Sunday 8pm Masses now underway.  
Noted that services are NOT recorded though can be from home if people wish.  
Agreed to implement streaming of 10am weekday Masses.  
Agreed to look at inviting donations for the streaming of weddings/private services.

**ACTION:** obtain consents from servers, EMs and readers to stream 10am Mass (DH)  
Liaise with Thelma to invite donations for streaming of weddings etc (DH)

*Voluntary groups:* CW had prepared a comprehensive schedule of Parish ministries and voluntary groups. The PPC expressed their thanks.

**ACTION:** send amendments and update to schedule to CW (All)  
Final schedule to be sent to ministry/group leaders for approval (CW)  
Website to be updated (CW with Paul Davis)

*Church lobby notice boards:* NOTED that redesign of Church lobby notice boards is in hand. Professional photos of the clergy and Parish team have also been taken, and a photo of the PPC group will be taken in January (postponed from December given that Canon John was away). Agreed to give Parish notice of any major overhaul of existing notices and proposed changes by announcement in advance in Parish newsletter

**ACTION:** finalise arrangements for PPC photo and obtain prints of all photos (AW)  
Finalise notice board headings and printouts with designer (AW)  
Notify Parish of proposals via newsletter and arrange photos/headings/notices (AW)

### **3. FEEDBACK/REVIEW OF RECENT EVENTS**

*PPC Retreat:* all agreed that the PPC Retreat on 9 November had been a very good experience, deepening our relationships and connections, and our work as a group. Thanks were expressed to Sr Dorothy, Clare Purthill and David Hurst for their help. Agreed that in future we might consider offering retreats like this for Parish groups. And we should schedule an annual PPC retreat as per the PPC constitution.

*New Parishioners Welcome Mass and Reception:* noted that the new parishioners Mass and welcome reception on 23<sup>rd</sup> November had been a great success with some very positive feedback. Over 40 adults and children from 15 families had attended. Thanks expressed to the members of the PPC who had hosted the event.

**ACTION:** schedule annual Welcome Mass and Reception each November (AW/DH)  
Schedule Parish Day with Voluntary Groups Fair, open to all (DH investigate dates)  
Consider repeat of successful Pancake Party Shrove Tuesday 25 Feb to thank volunteers

### **4. Laudate Si – Bishops Environmental Policy**

Sarah Tobin, coordinator of the Sacred Heart Environment Group, joined the meeting. She and Edd presented an update on the Bishops Environmental Policy and what was happening in the Parish. We then had a discussion around how to build awareness in the Parish and take action forward.

#### **Edd reported:**

- the Bishops have given high priority to climate change (see 'Guardians of God's Creation' statement on CBCEW website)
- the next UN Climate Change Summit COP26 will take place in Glasgow in 2020
- Church is focused on how climate change affects global poor
- Keen on encouraging businesses and organisations to act early
- Bishops of Salford and Arundel & Brighton have issued pastoral letters on the environment and endorsed 'the journey to 2030' initiative
- the Salford Dioceses has a Laudato Si Centre

#### **Sarah commented:**

- care for the environment, and people affected, is core to the Catholic faith
- Live Simply plan is for the whole parish, not just the "green groove"

- over 200 have attended environment groups events with talks, walks, quiz, films
- trees donated from Abundance; grounds design donated from parishioner
- there have been regular reports in Edgeways – see page 15 in December Edgeways
- all ages acting together provides a good opportunity to build our community

**Discussion on how to build environmental awareness - ideas included:**

- explore environmental awareness messages in the bidding prayers
- focus on link between environmental issues and global poverty, migration etc
- promote that not caring for the environment is sinful
- ecology-themed parish retreat
- outdoor mass in the parish grounds
- launch an ecological discovery course
- find out what other parishes do
  - ask Fr Joe and Fr Dennis to share their experience
  - Leeds Diocesan Centre cut energy costs by 30% with a new boiler – some quick wins to be had
- measure the parish annual carbon footprint
- conduct an energy usage audit, possibly when the planned scaffolding is in place
- suggest ways for parishioners to lower their individual carbon footprint
  - walk or cycle to church
  - make bike racks more visible to encourage their use
  - explore using solar energy
- encourage Parish groups to actively Live Simply and coordinate with Sarah
- research environmental messages contained in gospel readings
- ask clergy if / how to include these environmental message in their sermons
- possible regular environment column in weekly newsletter and in Edgeways

**ACTION:** PPC to keep environmental topic a regular priority and consider making this one of the group's key priorities for 2020  
Continue to work with Sarah and the environment group to raise awareness and encourage change e.g. around Live Simply plan

**5. “The God Who Speaks: Year of the Word” 2020**

<https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/2020-year-of-the-word-the-god-who-speaks>

We had a short discussion on the Year of the Word and agreed to make this our priority topic for discussion at the January PPC meeting. KH updated the group on some of her thinking including the opportunity to use the Discovery programme as part of our programme for the Year of the Word. Taster sessions for Discovery were planned for 7<sup>th</sup> December.

We should find out what other parishes in the Deanery are planning, and also explore other programmes available e.g. the Café Programme ‘The Big Picture’; St Martin in the Fields programme ‘Inspired to Follow: Art and the Bible Story’, developed with the National Gallery.

We should also discuss how to involve our children and young people, and explore whether there is an opportunity to link the Year of the Word programme with the Sacred Heart Primary School anniversary celebrations.

It was noted that Peter Edmunds SJ has moved to Boscombe so will not be in a position to contribute content.

**ACTION:** Follow up with Sadie Smith to find out what others in the Deanery are doing (CP) Year of the Word to be a PPC priority for 2020 and on the agenda for January meeting (AW)

## **6. Other business**

St Killians Votive Candles to be discussed at a future meeting.

## **7. Dates of meetings 2020**

All meetings at 8.00pm Thursday, in the Lounge unless otherwise indicated

**JANUARY 9 – *gather at 7.30pm for group photo***

**SATURDAY JANUARY 11 - 2pm – 5pm: 2020 PLANNING / STRATEGY SESSION *tbc***

**FEBRUARY 6**

**MARCH 5**

**APRIL 2**

***Easter Sunday April 12***

**MAY 7**

**JUNE 4**

**JULY 2**

**AUGUST *no meeting***

**SEPTEMBER 3**

**OCTOBER 1**

**NOVEMBER 5**

**DECEMBER 3**