

Sacred Heart PPC Meeting
8.00pm Thursday 3 December 2020 via Zoom
Minutes

Present

Canon John
Anne Waldron, chair
David Hurst, secretary
Maria Christopher
Ruth Naylor
Sarah Tobin
Fr Joe
Sr Dorothy
Julian Burling
Chris Woodward, finance committee
Eleanor Bowman, youth minister

Apologies

Siobhan Heffron
Clare Hobart
Fr Dennis
Kelly Hockey

1.0 Minutes of the meeting of 5 November 2020

- The minutes of the meeting on 5 November were approved to go on the web site and the church lobby notice board

2.0 Independent Enquiry into Child Sex Abuse – Roman Catholic Church Investigation Report November 2020

<https://www.iicsa.org.uk/document/roman-catholic-church-investigation-report-november-2020>

- Members of the PPC shared their personal responses and reflections on the above report: the purpose of our discussion at this meeting was to raise awareness and begin to reflect on how we might best respond as a Parish
- Jenny Cairns from the Parish safeguarding team joined the meeting to hear the discussion and reflections of the PPC
- Agreed we will come back to this in subsequent meetings

3.0 Arrangements for Christmas 2020

- We were reminded of Canon John's aim: to make this difficult Christmas **magnificent**
- Sarah Tobin reported back from the Christmas planning meeting held earlier in the day; a further meeting scheduled for 10th December. In summary:
 - ❖ childrens' advent booklet and travelling crib pieces are being organised by Eleanor
 - ❖ Eleanor is planning photographs of crib pieces around the inside of church
 - ❖ the church and both halls have now been decorated
 - ❖ crib figures are now on the sanctuary, in front of the altar, to be visible on streaming
 - ❖ the outside of the church has been floodlit by Joe Ruston and Chris

- ❖ ticketing for Christmas masses had been discussed and agreed; details are in News & Views
- ❖ Test & Trace forms now with opt in to receive News & Views, Edgeways & parish information
- ❖ all services will be live streamed and shown live in the upper and lower halls
- ❖ 3.00pm Sun 13 Dec 'Cristingle Service' and card making by Eleanor; 40 children signed up
- ❖ 8.00pm Wed 16 Dec The Christmas Story through Art – lecture by Jo Walton
- ❖ 7.00m Fri 18 Dec then on YouTube 'Christmas Cracker' from the Edge Hill Players
- ❖ 8.00pm Sat 19 Dec Christmas Music by Candlelight organised by Rachel Marshall
- ❖ 3.30pm Thu 24 Dec Crib Service organised by Rachel Marshall
- ❖ Christmas Day: high tea hampers to be delivered to those on their own or vulnerable (whether or not parishioners) who have been contacted or have submitted requests
- ❖ Anne has produced a poster with December activities in church lobby and parish web site

4.0 Parish Renewal: Communications

Social Media

- Pilot social media campaign continues on FaceBook and Twitter, to be reviewed after Christmas. To date statistics on both channels show good levels of visits, likes and followers
- Ruth shared the adapted Southwark Diocese Social Media charter, available on request
- Canon John requested that we arrange training on how to produce content for the social media channels, and to show non-users how to access Facebook and Twitter
- The PPC supports this exciting project seeking to creatively engage with parishioners

Website

- Anne has initiated discussions with Church Insights (the provider of the Parish website) on refreshing the website and moving to a more modern template. She and Paul Davis have begun work on identifying what needs to be done. To be followed up at a subsequent meeting.

Notice boards

- Anne has arranged for new signage for our notice boards, both in the internal lobby and outside
- Notice boards will need to be upgraded next year to comply with fire safety regulations

5.0 School for Ignatian Prayer

- Clare had been in touch with the London Jesuit Centre. Anne reported on her behalf that the programme would not be suitable as a Parish wide Lent programme as it was designed for groups of 15 max. In any event the LJC was not resourced to run the programme at present.
- Lent programme to be discussed at next meeting

6.0 Tree planting in the Parish garden

- Sarah reported on the offer of free saplings available from the Woodland Trust
- These could be planted along the lower border of the orchard. All were supportive.
- Sarah will seek consent from the land owners, Southwark Diocese and the Jesuits

7.0 Government consultation on Independent Faith Engagement

- The PPC noted the opportunity to engage in an online survey launched by Colin Bloom of Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
- This has been advertised via News & Views and all are encouraged to respond

[Independent Faith Engagement Review: call for evidence - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/independent-faith-engagement-review)

8.0 PPC meetings 2021

- We will continue with the pattern of meeting on the first Thursday of each month – next meeting **7 January 2021**
- Anne will also arrange a separate strategy and planning meeting, provisionally on a convenient Saturday afternoon early in 2021. At this meeting we can review and prioritise the many ideas for Parish renewal coming out of our reflections over the summer and autumn
- We would also like to repeat our successful 2019 PPC retreat whenever this might be possible; to be a separate event from the strategy/planning meeting

9.0 Any other business / additional reports

Updates from David (post meeting) on our work in the wider community:

- **Christmas Connections**
 - donations continue in the Manna bins and David has delivered items to TLC Morden
 - <https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/domestic-abuse>
 - **West Wimbledon Churches Together**
 - following the Pentecost prayer, Kerry Coke has produced another joint prayer
 - <https://vimeo492401405>
- **Merton Citizens**
 - David has submitted a video message to the new labour council leader, Mark Allison
 - challenging Merton council to make 'Borough of Sanctuary' meaningful
- **Community Sponsorship of refugees**
 - Thur 3 Dec Merton housing inspected the house and will issue an Immigration Letter for a family of 2 adults and 3 children to complete our Home Office application
 - subject to the above, we could welcome a family from 1 March 2020
- **Merton Night Shelter**
 - Clare volunteers at a flat above the Methodist Church in Wimbledon with 3 guests
 - more volunteers are not needed at this stage but may be needed in 2021