

**Sacred Heart PPC Meeting**  
**8.00pm Thursday 4 February 2021 via Zoom**  
**Minutes DRAFT**

**Present**

Canon John  
Anne Waldron, chair  
David Hurst, secretary  
Maria Christopher  
Siobhan Heffron  
Clare Hobart  
Ruth Naylor  
Sarah Tobin  
Fr Dennis  
Fr Joe  
Deacon Julian Burling  
Chris Woodward, finance committee  
Eleanor Bowman, youth minister  
Theo Shaw, Citizens Merton co-ordinator, guest (for part of meeting)

**Apologies**

Sr Dorothy

**1.0 Minutes of the meeting of 7 January 2020**

- The minutes of the meeting on 7 January were approved subsequent to the meeting and have been published on the Parish website

**2.0 Community Outreach 2012: update from Merton Citizens**

**Meeting joined by Theo Shaw, Citizens Merton co-ordinator** [www.citizensuk.org](http://www.citizensuk.org)

- Theo Shaw became co-ordinator of Merton Citizens recently and asked to be introduced in person to explain Citizens Merton and to explore common areas and issues of interest and concern
- Merton Citizens launched April 2018, SHP are 1 of 17 (now 18) subscription-paying, founder members. We are represented by David with support from Ruth and Ed de Quay.
- The refugee sponsorship programme is a Citizens Merton initiative. This project has been actively supported by the Parish; to date we have not been active in other Citizens Merton initiatives
- Free public training is available (David has attended), currently online. Theo offered to run bespoke evening training, lasting 1.5 hours by Zoom, for interested parishioners, at a date to be confirmed.
- David will prepare an invitation to the PPC and targeted parishioners and offer date options

**3.0 Planning for Lent (Ash Wed 17 Feb) and Easter (Sun 4 April)**

- Planning meetings have taken place and have focused on:
  - events: social; faith based; art lectures; music; discussions and reflections; to be publicised in News & Views and on a poster

- faith journey: daily reflections by parishioners for parishioners(30 are interested so far); Sycamore programme; Good Friday 'Stations of the Cross' organised by Wendy Tansey and (up to) 14 Youth Group; Mustard Seeds children's liturgy groups
- outreach: Easter gifts e.g. flowers, hot cross bun, cards made by children
- Triduum services: 1-4 April
- Lent and Easter programme will be advertised via News & Views, social media and posters
- Clare suggested that parish activities should continue after Easter Sunday
- Canon John suggested, when allowed, a LIBERATION procession from the Ridgway down Edge Hill to the Sacred Heart Church; sing the Te Deum entering church; invite deanery and Churches Together congregations
- A possible date, if allowed, could be Friday 11 June, Feast of the Sacred Heart; and the event could make up for the cancellation in 2020 of the outdoor 'Creation Mass' + 'Year of the Word' borough-wide event

#### **4.0 Sacramental Programmes (Eleanor)**

- Eleanor updated the PPC on the sacramental programmes for children and young people.
- First Holy Communion (93 candidates) and Confirmation (68 candidates) programmes start Sunday 7 February. Programmes would run weekly over the next 6 months with First Reconciliation on 27 March, Reconciliation for Confirmation on 22 May and sacramental Masses in June and July
- First Holy Communion programme uses CTS resources for and Confirmation follows the short 'Sycamore' video programme [www.sycamore.fm](http://www.sycamore.fm). Eleanor will ensure these are not seen as 'just another RE lesson'. Resources being collected from Church car park on 18 Feb
- Many schools involved but pupils from the same school will be mixed across the groups
- Eleanor needs more volunteer catechists to supplement the current four: Eleanor will send Siobhan all dates to invite SHP parents
- Siobhan will also share primary school 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary activities and dates, when confirmed

#### **5.0 CAFOD Live Simply and Environment Group updates: (Sarah)**

- CAFOD 'Live Simply' programme: after 2 years preparation, we are ready to be assessed (assessment date now fixed for 22 March). If we pass, we should receive a plaque
- The proposed tree planting has been postponed to the autumn as spring applications to the Woodland Trust have now closed. Planting has been approved by the Society of Jesus, now awaiting Diocesan approval. Planting also to comply with Covid rules.

#### **6.0 IICSA report: follow up from December reflections (All)**

- We considered a short paper prepared by the safeguarding team, with ideas and recommended practical actions for the Parish to follow up on the publication of the report
- A series of practical steps, as suggested by the safeguarding team, were agreed:
  - safeguarding team contact details to be included in the weekly newsletter
  - prayers for survivors to be included in the Prayers of the Faithful
  - articles on aspects of safeguarding to be included in Edgeways from time to time
  - Priest to preach on the subject when the opportunity arises relevant to the Gospel
  - Parish to write to Archbishop John Wilson about what we are doing, and to encourage transparency and communication around how he intends to respond to the report and effect the necessary cultural change
- We also agreed it would be useful to re-run the excellent training recently facilitated by the safeguarding team, including possibly a focused session for the PPC
- Siobhan suggested we look at supporting charities that work with survivors of abuse
- Anne will follow up with Jenny Cairns on all of the above. **Action: Anne**

### 7.0 PPC matters (Anne)

- Anne reminded members of the PPC of the usual 2-year term review coming up in May and invited members whose term is coming up to consider whether they wished to continue; also to consider whether and if so how we might invite new/additional members. Also to consider our roles and think about e.g. rotating the roles of chair and note-taking.
- Agreed to come back to this topic at a future meeting

### 8.0 Any Other Business

- Chris reported the Connellan family's request for a memorial pew or bench outside the Church or in the orchard. The family had given huge service to the Parish so we were mindful to respond positively. That said there were currently no guidelines in place and it was important not to set a precedent in the absence of such.
- Chris volunteered to draft a set of guidelines for circulation to the PPC and in the meantime would revert to the Connellan family. **Action: Chris**
- David reported Jeremy Hudson's request for a board with all parish priest's names and dates. Costs and permissions to be checked with the Historic Churches Commission & Diocese. **Action: David**

### 9.0 Next meeting date

- Thursday 4 March at 8pm by Zoom