

**Sacred Heart PPC Meeting
8.00pm Thursday 4 November 2021
Minutes**

Attendees:

Canon John
Eleanor Bowman, Youth Minister
Ruth Naylor
Maria Christopher
Rachel Purvis
Father Joe
Father Matthew
Chris Woodward, Chair of the Finance committee

Apologies:

Deacon Julian Burling
Jude Mariadoss
Annette Campbell-Black
Anne Waldron, Chair
Sr Dorothy
Siobhan Heffron

1.0 Minutes of the meeting of 7 October 2021

- Minutes from the previous PPC meeting were approved.

2.0 Updates from Canon John

a) Community sponsorship programme – ‘The Heart Project’

- Father Matthew is working with David Hurst on the community sponsorship programme. Chris Woodward shared that a property has been found for the project. Now work needs to be done on the safeguarding process before the diocese signs off on seeking final approval and the allocation of a family from the Home Office.

3.0 Synod update

- Rachel gave information about the meeting on Saturday. This has now been advertised on social media as well as through the newsletter. More listening exercises are hoping to be planned.

4.0 Parishioners feedback

- Eleanor gave some feedback from parishioners about the 12pm Sunday mass. There have been requests for clarity on when masses will be in Latin or English. It was confirmed that full Latin mass is the first Sunday in the month, with some inclusion of Latin in other 12pm masses. It was suggested that clarification of this should be included in the newsletter.
- It has been commented that the music sung by the Choir at mass doesn't always have a liturgical link to the theme of the gospel. **Action: to be discussed with Bob Rathbone.**
- Some feedback relates to the length of masses. It was discussed that longer masses could be attributed to recent speakers and appeals. Fr Joe is monitoring mass times to ensure consistency.
- Chris Woodward gave an update that the first collection will resume and this will be by baskets that will be passed around.

- There has also been concern expressed by parishioners about the church roof repairs. Chris Woodward confirmed the parish is still waiting for news from the diocese of when work can commence.

5.0 Community work updates

- On behalf of David Hurst, Ruth Naylor explained that there will be a Zoom meeting to discuss the Night Shelter arrangements this year. Clare Hobart will be attending on behalf of Sacred Heart. The PPC agreed that the parish should encourage the recruitment of volunteers to help as in previous years.
- The Soup Run is looking into resuming in Central London. Some have suggested that a soup run could start in Raynes Park as there are homeless people in the local area. There are 80 volunteers involved, drawn from various communities.
- South London Citizens training will be taking place on the 15th and 16th November, and anyone from the parish is welcome to attend. David Hurst is planning a parish-specific training opportunity.
- Cathy Dickenson will be taking over from David Hurst for Churches Together.

6.0 Advent and Christmas plans

- Eleanor discussed plans for Advent. The Travelling Nativity will start again and Eleanor would like to make a Jessie Tree which follows the ancestry of Jesus. This will be added to by the school and be placed at the back of church.
- There was discussion about Advent plans this year and general agreement that a parish talk/s or other event would be good to arrange. Fr Matthew suggested themes could include St Joseph as this year has been the year of St Joseph. He also mentioned a book about the Nativity story written by Pope Benedict.

7.0 AOB

- Ruth Naylor thanked everyone for their feedback on the parish survey draft. This will be advertised in the coming weeks.

8.0 Date of next meeting

- 2 December 2021, 8pm