

**Sacred Heart PPC Meeting
8.00pm Thursday 9 June 2022
Minutes**

Attendees:

Canon John
Father Joe
Father Matthew
Sister Dorothy
David Hurst
Chris Woodward
Jude Mariadoss
Teresa Engley
Rachel Purvis

Apologies:

Eleanor Bowman
Maria Christopher
Annette Campbell-Black
Siobhan Heffron
Julian Burling
Ruth Naylor

1.0 Minutes of 5 May meeting

- David Hurst chaired the meeting.
- May minutes were agreed.

2.0 Parish charitable initiatives

2.1 Heart Project

- Father Matthew explained that a Ukranian family has been identified who may be suitable for the Wimbledon house. However there will still be a 2-6 month wait.
- The family that has been identified is multi-generational. The hope is that after 12 months the family will qualify for housing benefits and rent will then be covered once benefits are in place.
- ACTION - Chris will need to contact the owner of the house again to confirm that the house will still be needed.

2.2 Merton Citizens

- David gave feedback from a Merton Citizens meeting that he attended this morning. 17 people from various different organizations were present and they continue to address the 4 priorities identified through their listening project: Mental Health, Housing, Refugees and the Living Wage.

2.3 Other community work

- David explained that 'Refugee week' will be starting on the 21 June and there will be a meeting at 2pm in the Chaucer Centre in Morden for the community and support workers.
- The Night Shelter MWNS and Faith in Action are becoming a legal entity and there are plans for a Night Shelter in Merton to start up again in November. Further information pending.
- The Soup run has taken the decision not to restart their operation as, after investigation, there is sufficient support available in the area co-ordinated through other groups.

- Volunteers are invited to come and help at the Faith in Action Day Centre on Wednesdays and Fridays at lunch time when meals are provided for the local homeless community. This is being held in the Salvation Army on Kingston and there is a website for contacts for this. Christian Care Merton are also supporting asylum seeking families. ACTION – Further information will go into the newsletter.
- David would like to invite PPC members to join the Merton Citizens. ACTION - David will do a note for the newsletter.

3.0 Parish Feast Day, 26 June

- Chris explained that there will be 22 tables for the various Parish organisations and groups.
- Rachel requested another table for the Prayerfully group and for it to be added to the list of groups.
- Chris explained that the halls will have to be opened up at 7am in readiness for the 8am mass. There will be tables set up in the Upper Hall with lively displays welcome.
- The Celebration for the Feast Day will be advertised in the Newsletter and this will be linked in with the Continental Breakfast. Chris explained that attendance for the monthly breakfast has been very low and more support and better promotion for this is needed.
- Information and invites also to be posted onto social media.
- For the celebrations, parishoners are invited to bring in food dishes to share.
- It was agreed that volunteers should read out information about the celebrations at the end of masses. David, Jude and Rachel volunteered to speak, with Ruth also speaking.

4.0 Edgeways

- David and Eleanor are working to restart Edgeways. The plan is to involve Duke of Edinburgh award students from the local secondary schools, with the aim to restart publication in September.
- David will look at this being digital and may have a printed version in addition but with a smaller print run.
- Advertising may be necessary to cover the costs of a print run and there was debate about this. There was concern raised about those in the community who would not have access to a digital copy.

5.0 AOB

6.0 Date of next meeting and roles

- Thursday 7 July, 8pm.