

Sacred Heart PPC Meeting
8.00pm 6/10/ 2022

Attendees:

David Hurst
Ruth Naylor
Father Joe
Deacon Julian Burling
Eleanor Bowman (Youth Minister)
Maria Christopher
Siobhan Heffron
Jude Mariadoss
Chris Woodward (for the Finance Committee)
Primavera Moretti (observing)
Rachel Purvis

Apologies:

Canon John
Sister Dorothy
Father Matthew
Teresa Engley
Anne Waldron

Minutes:

1.0 Welcome and apologies

The meeting was chaired by Ruth Naylor

2.0 Minutes of September meeting were agreed

Actions: From last minutes

Be Well Hub: Eleanor attended NHS SLAM training about how to support people with mental health concerns. Possibility of a church café to start; initially for parents of students in the local schools. Eleanor is looking into this and it is being discussed through Merton Citizens. Both Eleanor and James will be attending.

De-fibrillators: parishioner Bridget Handley is enquiring about applying for a free defibrillator for the church through the Benenden Trust. Additional costs may need looking at re training etc. An update to be given at next PPC.

3.0 Updates from Father Joe:

Father Joe has been acting on behalf of Canon Joe. Mass attendance has been increasing gradually especially at the 10am mass when over 500 parishioners attended. Sr Dorothy and Eleanor have been taking a head count and approximately 1,200 parishioners are attending for Sunday masses. It would be ideal to have a welcome team to greet new people at the Continental breakfast.

Father Joe explained that there have been a high number of baptisms, Holy Communicants and funerals to manage. The Ursuline Convent is also hoping to resume mass. There are school masses at Sacred Heart Primary School. Father Joe links to Ursuline prep and High and Father Matthew links to Donhead and Wimbledon College.

4.0 Synod/5 November meeting

Ruth explained that we had a planning meeting for the 5 November event. Dr Mark Nash, from the diocese, has agreed to facilitate discussion and the Upper Hall is booked from 10am.

This will be a continuation of Synod discussion and incorporate the initial discussion we undertook as a PPC group in response to our Parish Synod report.

Maria explained Mark Nash's role to support parishes to create a culture in which parishioners feel more involved through Some Definite Service, the vision of the Archbishop.

There will be tea/coffee and snacks served at the event.

Eleanor suggested a Youth Sunday on the 20th November after 5pm mass to get the younger people in the parish interested in post Synod parish involvement.

The group agreed that a positive outcome would be to get three or four key actions that could form a parish plan for 2023.

Ruth to have a notice in the Newsletter and links to the Synod report. Next planning meeting 14th October at 7pm.

5.0 Plans for Advent:

Travelling Nativity - Eleanor would like to have 2 travelling Nativities to reach out to more households. Idea 'Calling all Innkeepers'.

Eleanor and Rachel Marshall would like to do a 'Christingle service' for the 18th December and refreshments at 3pm. Annette can help with refreshments/snacks.

Raising and increasing people's understanding about the Eucharist - Eleanor presented an idea to have a study group on the book 'A Biblical Walk Through all of the Mass'. Tuesday evenings were suggested as a possible timing with opportunity to extend to other members of the deanery.

Christmas church decoration from 16th December with children and parishioners getting involved in helping.

6.0 Christmas lunch:

David Hurst explained about the need for chefs/volunteers to help with the Parish Christmas Lunch as previous parishioners are not able to help this year. The key role is an organiser to co-ordinate activity including recruiting people to help with transport, booking the Hall etc

Advert for volunteers is going in the newsletter and Ben is helping the search.

7.0 Parish charitable initiatives

Merton Citizens October

A report on progress over four prioritised issues (Mental Health, Housing, Welcoming Borough and Living Wage) is available on request from David

Damian Findlayson, former parish soup run co-ordinator, has agreed to support.

At 6.30pm on Monday 10 October, there is a South London Assembly at which MPs and councillors from Merton, Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham are held to account.

Heart Project

Father Matthew gave an update regarding the Ukranian families who are now living in the parish, supported by the funds of the Heart Project, Commonsides Trust and the Polish Trust.

It was agreed that Alain van West should be invited to the next PPC meeting to give an update.

Merton Winter Night Shelter October

Faith in Action Merton Homelessness Project have applied to LBM for approval and funding and a project co-ordinator job is being advertised (£30,160 - £33,280 for 40 hr week)

Sacred Heart have donated £500 and the Lower Hall is booked overnight for seven Thursdays: 26 Jan, 2, 9, 16, 23 Feb, 2, 9 Mar 2023 from 8.00pm, following the Brownies (David to liaise with Anne Harnett). Christmas times and dates, overnights from Friday 23 December – Sunday 1 January30, TBC.

6 volunteers replied to continuing newsletter advert and there is compulsory volunteer training on Sun 20 Nov 3-5pm (in person)and Wed 23 Nov 7-9pm (in person with Zoom link) at Trinity URC SW19 4AA.

Qualified Night Shelter guests will be invited to the parish Christmas Day lunch.

8.0 AOB

Care4 Calais is a charity that supports refugees in Colliers Wood. There was a request for support and the PPC agreed that this would form the 2022 Crib Appeal.

Chris Woodward brought a request from Bridget Handley to reinstate support for the Manna Society, based in London Bridge. Bridget is proposing collection of small items e.g. food, toiletries

Ruth mentioned that a parishioner, who undertakes talks on art, has offered to do a talk for the parish. Action: Ruth will be in touch with her to confirm our interest.

9.0 Date of next meeting and roles

Thursday 3 November 2022.

Jude to take minutes