

## **Minutes of the PPC meeting FINAL 3.11.2022**

**Apologies** – Canon John Clark, Siobhan Heffron, Sr Dorothy

Minutes from previous meeting approved.

### **Follow up actions**

New Chair – Chris to contact Anne Waldron to check if she would want to continue as Chair of the PPC. If not, a new chair will have to be elected for the PPC.

Photograph of the new PPC has to be updated on the Notice board and Parish Website.

Defibrillator - Bridget Handley has applied to the Benenden Trust for FOC defibrillator (cost c. £1k). Outcome, with training and maintenance costs, to follow.

Parish Groups - There is a suggestion to invite Parish groups into PPC meetings. Invite to be sent out to Patricia Turner of the Flower arrangement team to talk about how they have factored sustainability into their activities.

List of Parish Groups – David had found mistakes and it requires review and further update. Parish groups have been given access to exclusive pages on the parish website.

Ruth would speak to Paul to check if he needs additional help in maintaining the parish website

### **Synod – One year on**

A zoom call with Mark Nash was organised and attended by Rachel, Ruth, Maria and Eleanor. Mark had elaborated on the plan and preparation for the Synod one year on meeting to be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Parish Plan that was drafted 10 years ago is available to look at. This can be useful to have a sense of what has been achieved as per the plan.

The organisers have requested for volunteers to set up the hall for the event on Saturday. Eleanor has prepared a list of things to be done for Saturday.

There has not been any confirmation on the number of people attending the event since it is open to all parishioners.

The people who were originally part of the synod discussion a total of 55 will be contacted by Rachel via email.

### **Advent and Christmas plans**

Travelling Nativity is happening again in the parish this year. Parish youth group have suggested an idea to add a disposable camera so that pictures can be taken by each family where the travelling nativity visits.

A Christingle Service is being considered by Eleanor and Rachel Marshall.

Christmas Lunch - A team is to be brought together for Christmas Lunch. We have a volunteer team to prepare and cook food, and Ben and David have already prepared a list of things to be made available. The Mayor of Merton, councillor Joan Henry (Labour, Pollard's Hill ward), has accepted our invitation. Ursuline Prep will use their fundraiser carol service to donate items for the Christmas. Funding requests will be made to parishioners through the newsletter.

Epiphany Party – Ruth to get confirmation from Thelma on the plans for the Epiphany party. Date to be confirmed as 6 January 2023 falls on a Friday.

### **Parish charitable initiatives**

#### **Merton Citizens**

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

Mon 10 Oct Eleanor represented SHP and spoke at South London Citizens Assembly to 500; press release with actions agreed by three mental health trusts is available.

Tue 25 Oct David + nine other Merton Citizens Leaders met London Borough of Merton (LBM) Labour Council Leader, Ross Garrod; achievements and actions are available.

Thu 3 Nov David represented SHP and Merton Citizens at a Cost of Living Summit hosted by the Merton Partnership for 80 LBM and charity groups' representatives; action plan follows.

Date TBC to meet Deputy Leader LBM Council, Ellie Stringer, re Borough of Sanctuary agreed.

LBM have agreed to pay council employees the London Living Wage of £11.95 per hour, as introduced by Citizens UK; LBM are working on same rate of pay for supply chain employees.

Thu 10 Nov next Leaders' meeting by Zoom; Damian Findlayson has been invited.

#### **Heart Project**

Alain van West deferred to Fr Matthew on parish refugee families' report.

#### **Merton Winter Night Shelter**

Confirmed in lower hall Thursdays 26 Jan, 2, 9, 16, 23 Feb, 2, 9 Mar 2023 from 8.00pm, following the Brownies (David has met Anne Harnett to agree this) to 8.30am. Christmas times and dates are being arranged by other venues and volunteers.

SHP has donated £500 of the £50k raised from the 14 host venues.

6 volunteers invited to 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. Up to 16 (qualified) Night Shelter guests will be invited to the parish Christmas Day lunch.

#### **Care4 Calais**

Caring for 240 refugees in Colliers Wood and 2022 Crib Appeal approved for this cause. No second collection for this charity.

Promote in Sun 20 Dec newsletter (and 25 Dec TBC) and from the pulpit on date(s) TBC.

#### **Church Refurbishment**

Decision on fixing the boundary of the parish property is still ongoing.

#### **AOB**

Tablet Newsletter – Suggestion that a box be left at the back of church so parishioners can pass on their copies of The Tablet and other Catholic publications.

Edgeways – David will email parish group leaders requesting them to submit content for Edgeways for David to edit. Volunteers from the Duke of Edinburgh scheme at the two secondary schools will be invited to the design and layout. Hopefully the monthly magazine will resume in early in 2023.