

## Minutes of Parish Annual General Meeting

### **The Precious Blood and All Souls, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

Present: Fr Michael Brandon, Deacon Paul Rabvukwa, Caroline Harrison (Chairman), Barbara McGowan, Jean Surplice, , John Corroon, Annie Greene, , Charlie Mullen, John Duckett, Richard Walsh, 38 parishioners

Apologies::

Absent:: Paul Riess, Maura Mulcahy, Irene Zipki

#### **1. Welcome**

- welcome and introduction of annual report ( available on notice board and website)
- stated there is a need to elect 2 new members
- brought attention to copies of financial report
- referred to loss of 530 Sat mass,
- referred to need for more involvement with wider congregation in running parish and how to allocate jobs – for future reference

#### **2. Report of Activities:**

- asked for anyone interested in CTEC
- commented on inter faith activities and how positive it has been and positive feedback from Bishop William
- Visitation of Bishop William – will send out report of Parish Council to him and invite him to attend at least one meeting
- referred to change in finance committee
- thanks to Robert Walsh for all work with finance committee and picking up Maureen Mohan's work
- commented on growing numbers of readers, children and adults and growing numbers of Eucharistic Ministers
- also commented on projects with Christian Aid, local food bank, pax Christi etc

#### **3. Future planning**

- referred to report
- thanks to Barbara and Deacon Paul for working more closely with school for sacramental prep – by integrating prep with school and church – plan to make even better next year by looking at feedback
- commented that we need to be more effective in recruiting to cover jobs required to maintain Parish life, and ensuring everyone

knows who does what

#### **4. Election of new members**

- stated had had two nominees – Tony Thompson and Michael Tourville– seconded and elected

#### **5. Comments and Questions**

- Parishioner asked if we knew how many other parishes had parish councils, and plans for evangelization
- Reply that it was not known, but all parishes have been asked to form councils and also a specific Deanery Pastoral Council
- comments that John Vianney and Christ the King had councils
- Parishioner asked if we could ask Bishop William if he knew
- Response - we would find out
- commented had looked at websites, and could not find any other parishes that has councils
- Response that strategy for evangelisation was 'work in progress', and that Legion of Mary mission was part of it
- commented we will be forming a committee of evangelisation
- Parishioner comment that Deanery Corpus Christ procession was wonderful demonstration of faith, and maybe it should be more supported at Deanery level
- commented that there seemed to lack of cohesion within Deanery
- Was suggestion that we should make effort to improve that communication with the Deanery
- Parishioner pointed out there is opportunity on Sat 4<sup>th</sup> July at 8am to support CTEC, for prayers and breakfast
- Asked why there are fewer traditional hymns
- Comment that congregation do not sing and that hymns are liturgical and linked to readings
- commented on 1115 being more solemn mass, and that annual meeting is opportunity for everyone to make views known
- pointed out should be period of silence after communion, that is why we do not sing 'O Sacrament Most Holy'
- Comment – could someone go through unfamiliar hymns - will look at this
- commented on problems with communication around the liturgy. General instruction lays down rules fairly strictly. We need to look at that as a parish
- There is attempt to adapt and choose hymns to suit congregation
- Commented that Sunday Mass is not forum for liturgical education – so need other events and courses to increase this
- commented had trialled that in Northampton and went well

- Asked if possible to have print out of 'Journey in Faith' meetings for those who cannot attend
- Commented that there were copies of all the homilies on the website and at back of church
- Comment that maybe we should encourage the person next to us to sing
- encouraged feedback
- Thanks to Caroline for chairing in such professional fashion

## **6. Agreed actions**

- will find out how many other parishes in Deanery have parish councils

## **7. Close**