

All Souls Pastoral Parish Council Meeting

Date: September 2018		Venue: Parish Room		Time: 7.30pm	
Chair: Paola Casagrande		Minutes: Michelle Drake			
Attendees:					
	Fr. Michael Brandon	Deacon Paul Rabvukwa	Barbara McGowan	Laura Crowe	Lil
Paola Casagrande	Giacomo	Robert	Claire Groves		
Apologies:	Michael Tourville	John Corroon	Claire Kirrane	Michelle Drake	

Minutes for PPC Meeting 17th September 2018

Items to discuss and actions	Action owner
<p>1. Deacon Paul led the opening prayer</p> <p>2. Parish Christmas party – date was confirmed as 15 December at 6.30pm (to follow the 5.30pm mass).</p> <p>Agreed that a quiz would be held and that Richard Groves would organise and run this (it was requested that the quiz be shorter in length, questions to be easier and more accessible to an international and inter-generational audience).</p> <p>It was suggested that an activity be found for the children – Claire G to discuss with the school about suitable activities.</p> <p>It was agreed that raffle tickets should be printed and sold much earlier than last year. It was noted that the higher ticket price per book worked well. Richard Groves to design and print the tickets again this year. The tickets should refer to the three top prizes, which it was agreed would be: £100 cash, a hamper and a bottle of whiskey (to be donated by Robert).</p> <p>The tickets should also state that monies would be split 50:50 between the Church hardship fund and All Souls' Primary School. Claire Groves to inform School of this decision.</p> <p>The tickets should be ready for sale by early November.</p> <p>Barbara would put up a donations list at the back of Church for people to</p>	

sign up to. **Robert to approach Keith and Annette regarding** their offer to do the hamper.

Catering – it was agreed that to repeat the ‘bring a dish’ approach as this worked well last year. The Parish would provide wine for the party. Serving/clearing up roles would be allocated amongst the Parish Council nearer the time.

3. Midnight Mass

It was agreed that mince pies and mulled wine would be served in the parish room after mass.

Robert to check with Keith if he is happy to provide the wine again.

Barbara to put up a notice at the back of Church along with a box – to receive donations of boxed mince pies.

Requests for mince pie donations to be included in the newsletter two weeks’ prior to Midnight Mass.

Father Michael to provide soft drinks.

Christmas flowers to be discussed at a later meeting – with direction from the flower team.

4. CTEC and Iqra

All Souls was unable to attend the recent meeting but feedback was provided by the Methodists.

CTEC prayer breakfast to take place at All Souls on 3 November – any help with setting up/clearing away would be gratefully received.

Next fellowship meal is to be held at St Mary Magdalen’s on 19 January 2019.

Advent Sunday (2 December) – it will be our turn to host the United Service. We will do vespers.

Good meeting with Iqra at the end of June to celebrate 5 years of meetings. The future relationship remains unclear – Deacon Paul is still waiting to hear from Iqra leaders. There have been efforts made to facilitate a link between the new imam and Caroline Quinn (Head Teacher at All Souls’). Iqra has also asked us to write something about our working together over the last few years.

<p>5. Catechetical programme update</p> <p>Journey of Faith starts in 3 weeks (8 October) and will run on Monday evenings and Tuesday mornings. Barbara requested help from committee members to talk about the programme and why it might be useful to both new and current Catholics.</p> <p>It was suggested that an ideal time to promote Journey of Faith would be at the 9am preparation session for the First Holy Communion children on 7 October.</p> <p>Giacomo explained about the New Catechumen Way that he is involved with, which meets regularly in Bedford, but which is happening in parishes all over the world. Deacon Paul felt it would be nice for our parish to have such a group to allow parishioners to rekindle their faith and to talk about the experience of Jesus Christ in their person lives. Paola asked if there was scope to set up a Midlands group and it was felt that in time, they might be. Father Michael commented that spiritual nourishment needed to be offered to the parish and to those with a particular role in parish life, such as the Eucharistic Ministers.</p> <p>Confirmation Programme – John and Marion Corroon to provide fish and chips. How to create a quiet atmosphere in church during First Holy Communion preparation. Suggested an item in newsletter “Before Mass we talk to God, after Mass we talk to each other</p>	
<p>6 Review of existing groups. Help needed with counters, the welcome of parishioners, jobs before Mass, particularly 9.30am</p>	
<p>7 Finance update. Michael is to speak to parish on 7 October about Direct Debit. Note will be included in bulletin about weekly income and expenditure of the parish. Giving should have a sacrificial element. Employing someone is to be given further consideration, to help with finances, publish newsletter, manage the marketing of the parish room.</p>	
<p>New items to discuss</p>	
<p>AOB</p>	
<p>Nightshelter It has been suggested that we might consider hosting the Nightshelter next year, 2018-2019 at All Souls. Venue co-ordinator would be required, parish would</p>	

provide shelter for 20 people, there would be a rota of 12 people covering three shifts . 90% of clientele are men – women tend to be partners. Nightshelter supply camp beds, sleeping bags.

Wednesday/Thursday are the nights when the parish room is free.

It was suggested that Iqra might like to be involved.

Council to give this some thought.

For this year, we have been asked if we could supply a simple meal and a desert for 20 people once a month – a total of four meals this winter to go to t Osburg's. A note will be put in bulletin this week.

Fish n'chip lunch after the 12pm Mass on Monday. 12 November. Lil will order the fish and chips.

Statue of St Anthony is to be delivered soon. Question of where to put is in the church .

No time for formation. Fr Michael suggested next meeting will begin with 20 mins reflection

Next meeting 30 October 7.30