

All Souls Parish Council Minutes
16 September 2019

Marquees going up at 4pm on Saturday 21 September.
School to bring tables - Barbara to ask Caroline
Robert has bought 18 bottles of red and of white
Giacomo to buy the soft drinks
Food is being provided by a Muslim food company Labaic - cost £1550
Emilia will make a celebration cake
We are catering for 200 approx
Parish to bring the food and drink stuff to Church after 9.30 mass. Snacks, cakes all welcome.
Fr Michael will open the buffet at 12.45 - prior to this we will present the gifts and do a speech.
Robert invited Fr Kevin and Fr David - Fr Kevin will try to come

Claire volunteered to be secretary
Paola to stay as chair

[14 Dec](#) is our Christmas party
Charity: 50% to School and rest to the night shelter
Prizes - cash prize £?, vouchers - Daniele to write to shops.
Once top prizes are confirmed, get tickets printed by end of the month - Claire and Richard
Get the school involved in selling the tickets - Claire to speak to Caroline
Promote in bulletin [from 6 October](#)
Sell in Church [from 13 October](#) - need to cover ticket sales at the [9.30am](#)
Sean and Robert to cover all 11.30 mass ticket sales
Quiz - Richard to do the quiz
Tables - can we buy another 3-6 tables? Paola to look.
Drink - to be agreed at [the 6 Nov](#) meeting
Robert will buy 15 bottles of red and of white if there is a 25% off offer in next couple of months

Night shelter
[Monday night](#) first shift [starts at 6.30pm](#) (serving, clearing up)
Night shift - 3 people are needed
Morning shift -
Barbara is venue coordinator
Those interested in volunteering need to complete an online form, which Barbara can provide link to. Two references are needed. Barbara can be a referee
We can be legally covered once we have completed the 5-page document - Barbara
Risk assessment - we may not require an additional check. Michael to check.
Donations of pillow cases and blankets are welcome
Steering group meeting [on 30 September](#). They will draw up the rota.
People can volunteer for as many or as few sessions as they can manage.
Volunteers will be coming from all over the city, as will those coming to use the shelter.
Barbara is contacting CTEC re doing the cooking for some of the nights. This will be finalised when the tiara is done. Iqra will also help.
The max number of people who can use the shelter is 20.
Barbara will put a note in newsletter inc dates of volunteer training

CTEC - covenant was re-signed two years ago.

Richard was our CTEC rep but he has less time to devote to this now. Janet and Kevin Vaughan are involved with CTEC. Paola to contact them to seek future CTEC updates. Prayer breakfast was held at All Souls last Saturday - went v well. Fellowship meal is not for another 2-3 years for us to host. Would be great if council members could attend the CTEC services and prayer breakfasts.

Iqra - will be part of the night shelter project. This will be the focus of our ongoing relationship with those at Iqra.

Mohammed the Imam at Iqra has been nominated as most impactful imam in the UK! (Thanks in part to a letter from Fr Michael and Barbara).

Journey of Faith [starts 10 October](#).

Can we have people on hand to talk about the JOF after Mass [from 29 Sept](#)? Paola can help after the [9.30am Mass on 29 Sept](#). Barbara to help too. Marquette will do it [on 6 October 9.30](#) mass. Lil to help after 11.15 mass [on 6 October](#).

On Tuesdays, going to have a 'praying the Scriptures' session - to talk about [the next Sunday's](#) readings. Input from the Ordinariat would be most welcome.

First Holy Communion sessions commenced yesterday. Sessions with children and Barbara and with the children, Fr M and Caroline.

Finances - we have a healthy cash balance, but we are still too reliant on our rental property. Gift Aid is helping plug gaps left by recently deceased in the parish.

Tap and go payments are working in Oxford and one other location. Problems associated with people carrying cash when this is becoming less common - affecting weekly donations. Less than 10% of our parish do standing orders at present.

We continue to rely on so many volunteers (cleaning, flower arranging, gardening etc) Should we look at spending funds generated from our rental property on a youth minister instead of plugging gaps in our funding?

Transaction fee on tap and go would be less than fee we pay on putting cash into the bank Michael de T leaves end of Sept until Jan and then back in UK sporadically after this.

Could someone from the Finance committee provide an update for when Michael is not here. Or Michael could send the report through to Robert to report in to the meeting.

Reflection - chapter 1 paragraphs 20-24

Date of next meetings - 6 Nov, 11 Dec, [29 Jan](#)

AOB - how could we recognise Roger's long service? We could try to get him a special medal. Bene Morente medal (?) Paola to speak to Fr John Waters about this. To discuss further in Nov.