

THE GLOSSOP PARISHES PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: 29th June 2022

Present- Fr Martin, A King, J Cieslik, E Hall, C Hulley,

Apologies B Payne, S Mellor-Fallon, L Doyle, A Fielding

Minutes

Fr Martin opened the meeting with a prayer.

J Cieslik read a piece of scripture.

1. Amendments completed.
2. Matters arising
 - a) The day of reflection was successful and enjoyed by all those that attended. At times, the speaker was a little quiet which may have been supported if we had a sound system in the hall. The Loop system could make a significant difference, this will be monitored.
 - b) A conversation with the safeguarding team at the diocese has taken place with regards to an appointment of a new officer for safeguarding at All Saints Church.
 - c) A discussion took place about the counting and banking of the collections for both churches. LD will continue with the banking etc.
 - d) P Brown is gathering quotes for the work on the fencing outside St Mary's Hall which was damaged with a car.
 - e) R Gange is organising a course for Laudato Si, the ten sessions will be held at St Mary's Church on a Monday evenings. The dates and times TBA shortly.
 - f) Bishop Patrick sent his thanks to everyone involved in the Mass for sacrament of confirmation it was joyous.
 - g) Further investigation into the probability of having the 'Payback team' help with gardening at All Saints Church found no immediate concerns as they are always supervised. However, toileting arrangements will need to be risk assessed.
The buildings and maintenance team to be consulted.
3. Update from the St Mary's Steering group.
P Greenhalgh has spoken with the architect, and they are hopeful that St Mary's Church will need to be closed for approximately two weeks. (This is for the phase 2 of the restoration work) Suggestions to hold events in the church for community use is as follows- Flower arranging workshop, Christmas wreath workshop, Band concert, Christmas tree festival. Toilet arrangement will need to be considered.
4. Update from the meeting in Matlock
Diocesan meeting to discuss our action for the future, the same group that attended the first meeting met before the meeting in Matlock to negotiate and discuss the options. Following much discussion, the four actions were chosen.

However, these are only proposals as representatives from the PPC at St Charles were not present. We intend to start working more closely with the parish of St Charles to start looking at our proposals.

Action one- a) Communication

Action two- b) Bringing people together

Action three- j) Schools

Action four- k) Buildings

It was suggested that we hold the Sycamore course at St Charles with a working party from members of St Charles and the Glossop Parishes in order to organise the event.

Everyone at the meeting agreed that we need to distribute the letter from the Bishop, JC agreed to edit the letter to make it more accessible for everyone.

In moving forward, the two churches in Glossop will now be open every third Saturday in the month for private prayer and for visitors from 12-2pm. Which was proposed before this meeting at Matlock.

5. Buildings and Maintenance

There is an extra cost of £400 for the cabinet for the Loop System for St Mary's Parish hall. The group suggested that a member of the parish may be able to make a cabinet which would be a huge saving.

6. Finance- to be deferred to the next meeting.

7. Review of the Welcome Pack

The Welcome Pack is in the process of being produced.

8. The WHY? course

The course was very successful with many parishioners attending all three sessions. It was led by L Nash, and the refreshments were enjoyed by everyone. Many thanks to all those who helped in any way to make this a success.

9. Items from the chairperson -none

10. Correspondence

The Diocesan office have contacted the parishes with information about 'contactless giving' for church collections. A contactless donations/collections service is as follows. Digital collection plate £360, Floor stand £96, 4G Dongle £84, Monthly service fee £15. Card processing per transaction 1.69, online 2.4%. (These costs are for one church only)The group decided that the costs were excessive given the attendance at Mass. But the service will be reviewed again in the future.

AOB

- There have been some complaints about the odours coming from the men's toilets in the hall. This will be monitored.
- Possibility of a lunch with members of St Charles PPC members.
- Possibility of more notices in church which informs people of the Loop system
- We discussed the idea of admitting observers at the PPC meetings.

Fr Martin closed the meeting with a prayer.

