

THE GLOSSOP PARISHES PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday 25th May 2022

Present – Fr Martin, A King, B Payne, C Hulley, L Doyle, A Fielding, J Cieslik,

Apologies- E Hall, S Mellor – Fallon

No apologies – N Mellor – Fallon

In attendance- Mr. Anthony Wright

Fr Martin opened the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. Wright attended the meeting to inform the members of the PPC about the condition of the organ at All Saints. In 1960 the peddle board on the organ was refurbished. The organ is one of the oldest in the district. Since 1960 George Sixsmith's & Sons Ltd have completed any maintenance work on the organ. In 2003 prices to complete the maintenance required were £70,000 + VAT. The costs will have increased since then.

There is an alternative parishioner has generously offered to donate his organ to the church. The other option is to buy a secondhand organ at around at £2000-£3000. Following a discussion, it was decided to accept this generous offer. When it is convenient for the parishioner, we will need to organise the transport etc. The organ will be located at the back of the church.

Mr. Wright then left the meeting.

1.Amendments

Completed

2.Matters arising

The 'Welcome Pack' wallet is now ready for the paperwork/inserts. This can then be distributed to anyone that who has requested a pack.. Fr Martin is going to send P Brown the High Peak poster for 'Stand up to Racism'.

3.Outreach/Steering group for St Mary's Church

P Greenhalgh convened a meeting to review the plan and discuss ideas that could improve the use of the church for community events. **It was decided that we should read the plan before our next meeting.**

4.Parish Mission

Everyone agreed that the Mission was successful, but we did acknowledge that we could improve certain aspects next time. For example, more time before the event started for reflection and silence, and afterwards time to share views, hopes. These are suggestions. The parishioners and PPC members were delighted with the response from the schools.

5.Day of Reflection

Ideas for the theme for the day was discussed, and 'prayer' was chosen by the group. Mary Hardiman will lead the day, 10.00am -3pm in St Mary's Hall.

6.Safeguarding officer

A new officer will need to be appointed for All Saints as Mr. Townend has retired. The PPC would like to thank him for his service. AK to approach a member of the parish. It was suggested that we buy a gift for Mr. Townend.

7.Collections

LD has offered to undertake the organisation of the church collections at All Saints Church.

8.Buildings and Maintenance

BP is going to approach the gardener to mow the lawns etc.

The water that leaked from rooms in the presbytery have now been fixed.

BP has contacted several companies to tarmac and re surface the main drive around St Mary's Church and is still waiting for quotes.

The railings at St Mary's Parish Hall have been damaged by a car, this is being investigated.

9.Finance

LD has contacted Emily with codings and which items are split between the churches. This should be completed by the end of June.

10.Items from the chairperson

- R Gange has offered to lead a course of eight sessions about the Pope Francis Encyclical letter 'Laudato Si' (care for our common home) in the autumn.
- J Hopkins has offered to attend and support our Divine Renovation meetings, once a month. We need to decide a day and time for these meetings. He is also happy to support the Why? and Sycamore courses.
- Possibility of holding joint events with St Charles.
- Confessions are taking place in the confessionals, but Fr Martin would like the stewards to continue.
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11. Correspondence

- Confirmation to take place on 14th June 2022. Refreshments will be available and A Elliott will be printing the confirmation booklets.
- Green Pasture Project- Fr Martin has written back and more churches are now involved in this project. The host parish would need to have the capacity and resilience to work on this project. We felt that we could not meet the criteria.
- The Parish Church have received support for gardening, through the Payback team. JC has offered to liaise with the Parish Church to gather more information.
- AK to distribute invitations to the Why? course to the local schools.

AOB

- The Victorian Weekend
St Mary's Church will be open, and refreshments will be able. An 'A' Board will be displayed on the pavement on the main road to advertise this opportunity.

The meeting closed with a prayer.

