

The Glossop Parishes Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday 7th September 2023

Minutes:

Present: Fr Martin, A Elliott, S Hoolahan, C Hulley, A King, L Nash, B Payne, T Sealy, and J Hopkins

Apologies: J Carter,

The meeting focussed on a single item of agenda, a training session led by Joe Hopkins, with the aim of ensuring that the new PPC understood their role of strategically planning and analysing.

Our parish vision: Jesus Christ calls everyone to experience His transforming love.
We joyfully embrace our responsibility to proclaim this good news.

Content of the session:

- Opening Prayer – reflection on the Gospel of the day. How is Christ speaking to us here? Parish Prayer
- Restating our vision (as above)
- Introductions and *sharing of the group's hopes for the future*
- What is the role of the Parish Pastoral Council in a missionary parish, *are we focussing on our vision, are we meeting our mission, are we doing what God wants of us?*
- Golden rules for our meetings:
 - o Expect the Holy Spirit to be present
 - o Begin by listening to God
 - o Speak your mind in the meeting not out
 - o Expect to have your mind changed
 - o Stand by the final agreement
- Where are we going?

What will the parish look like in five years' time? *Sharing of the group's visions of our parish in one year's time and also in five years' time, with some brief discussion.*

- How do we get there? The five systems – Evangelisation, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry and Worship – What do we mean?
- How will we know we are going the right way? – Pastoral Plan
 - o Key milestones each year
 - o Clear Success Criteria
 - o Regular review
 - o SWOT Analysis
- Final Prayer

Next meeting: Thursday 9th November, 6.30 – 8.00pm