

**Blessed Robert Grissold
Parish Pastoral Council**

Minutes of the meeting held 19th November 2009.

Present: Fr. Arakat, J. Martin, D. Green, I. Clarke, C. Burleigh, B. Gibbs, J. Gibbs,
A. Dodd.

Apologies: G. Chesshire, M. Carroll.

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 24th September

Read and approved.

2. Matters Arising

- Parish Register – 66 returns so far. Information to be collated in the New Year. Ian Clarke was thanked for his assistance.
- Bacon Bap Breakfast – raised £75. Numbers were down due to it being the last Sunday of half term. Many thanks to the gentlemen of the Parish particularly T. Biles.
- Millennium Breakfast – raised £145.
- Confirmation – there are 7 candidates. Enrolment will take place on Sunday 22nd November. Confirmation will take place at 9:30 Mass on Sunday 18th April.
- Mass for the Dead – Father said 2 masses in November for the dead of the parish.
- Senior Gathering – 13 attended including Fr. Arakat. Next event will be a soup lunch on 2nd December.
- Quiz Night – raised £540. Ian and Ellie were thanked for their hard work, as were all who contributed to a successful evening.

3. Faith Formation

- Advent Booklets and Calendars have arrived – Sunday reader to say relevant prayer during quiet time prior to mass starting. Booklets to be taken home and used as a family prayer. Notice to this effect to be placed in the bulletin.
- Carol Service – 20th December. Congregational carols after every reading. M. Carroll will be asked to organise the readers. Mulled wine – Margaret Collins to be approached. Mince pies – volunteers to be sought nearer the time.
- Children's Liturgy – disappointing that the numbers are so low but there are always fluctuations.
- Altar Servers – notice to be placed in bulletin inviting new servers to join.
- December 3rd – Father to say Mass at Rose Court. Everyone is welcome to attend. Time to be confirmed either 5 or 5:30.
- Lenten Masses – Notice to be placed in the bulletin to find volunteers for house masses during Lent.
- Invitation to be sent out to friends and neighbours for the Carol Service and other Christmas services. I.C. to design. J.M. to arrange printing. Invitations to be delivered between 6th and 13th December.

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- Christmas Mass times – 7:30 Christmas Eve Family Mass. Instrumental group to be asked to provide music. 9:30 Christmas morning choir to provide music.
- New Year – 31st December Jesus Youth U.K. are organising a mass at midnight in our church everyone is welcome.
- January 30th/31st - Kerala Community Annual Retreat to be held. A visiting preacher from Germany will be attending.
- 26th November to 12th December – Father will be visiting India.

4. Finance

- J. M. delivered a brief report. Income is down, expenditure is up. There is a surplus of £3800. The microphone system is to be overhauled.
- Berkswell Parish Council are attempting to claim the field.

5. Fundraising.

- Parish – Repeat all this year's events. Parish Dinner March 20th. BBQ 10th July provisionally. Quiz Night 25th September. Cake Stall June 13th.
- Charities – Curry Night 6th February fundraiser for Jesus Youth. Youth Group fundraising for Children in Need after mass 22nd. HCPT coffee evening 23rd November. Need to consolidate report for funds raised for charity to thank people for their generosity.
- Raffle Tickets for St. George and St. Theresa School will be sold after mass on Sunday 22nd.

6. A.O.B.

- J.G. – Senior Gathering – coffee morning was successful. Other events were suggested. Proposed monthly meeting to take place on a Wednesday. If numbers increase more transport will be required.
- I.C. – Had received an email from CAFOD requesting a link be placed on parish website. Agreed to do so.
- I.C. – Churches Together Christmas Celebration to be held at 6pm December 6th in Heart of England School Hall. Parish has been asked to provide 1 doz mince pies and a packet of biscuits. I.C. to speak to Godfrey.
- C.B. – Concerned that Remembrance Service moving towards the traditional state service. Suggested emphasis be placed on all deceased of the Parish not only the military. Agreed Sunday nearest to Remembrance Day mass intention All Deceased Members of the Parish. Not necessary to read role of honour during mass.
- A.D. – Noted that all other churches contributed to the youth work carried out at the Jubilee Centre. Our church the only one that did not make contribution. Father suggested a written request be sent for consideration.

7. Date of next meeting

7:30pm Thursday 4th January 2010