

**Blessed Robert Grissold
Parish Pastoral Council**

Minutes of the meeting held 12th March 2010

Present: Fr. Arikat, B. Gibbs, M. Collins, J. McLellan, C. Burleigh, E. Clarke.

Apologies: J. Martin, G. Chesshire, M. Carroll.

Father Arikat opened the meeting with a reading from the booklet 'Fasting to Feasting'

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th January.

- Read and approved.

Matters Arising

- Ellie said Ian was in the process of transferring the Parish Register from Mac to PC. The work should be completed after Easter.
- Since the start of the year, Parish events had included an HCPT Coffee Evening and a Curry Supper. There will be a Parish Dinner on Saturday 20th March.

Faith Formation.

- Lenten Booklets: Father said that the producers had asked for feedback about the use and content of the booklets. All agreed that they were well produced and thought provoking. Bysche felt that not enough use was made of them in Mass., but Father said they are meant more for private meditation. Chris said all the booklets had been taken and the only way to find out their usefulness was to survey the Parishioners. What started as a local project is now used in several other Diocese.
- Service of Reconciliation: 7.30 30th March. A notice will be put in the bulletin and Father will announce it during Mass. Father Murphy will be the visiting Priest on that day. Ellie said music had been prepared for the service.
- First Holy Communion: The date was agreed as 13th June during Sunday Mass. There are 4boys and 1 girl. Ellie will arrange the date for the First Confessions with Father.
- Confirmation – April 18th: Father will be in India so father Soji will deputise. Bishop William Kenny will confirm the candidates. Ian will be producing the booklet as in previous years. Ellie asked if the confirmands would be writing their own prayers. She will check with Teresa about this, the choice of hymns, the decoration of the Church and a celebration cake.
Chris Kearl will play the organ.
Volunteers are needed to prepare the hall, do teas and clear up afterwards. Judith will organise.
Ian will make some 'Reserved' Signs for the front pews.
The full program has to be sent to the Bishop's secretary for approval.

- Easter Parish Newsletter: Ellie will ask Teresa for an article about the Confirmations. We need a report & photos of the Parish Dinner. Chris & Bysche will prepare a short notice explaining the work of the Parish Pastoral Council and telling that it is open to all comers.
- World Youth Day: Father said one member of the Parish is going to Spain in July 2001, but needs sponsorship. The cost will be about £500 with 2/3 if possible provided by the Parishioners. It was agreed that a personal appeal would be the most successful. Father will approach the youth.
- Holy Week: Godfrey is checking on the readers. As part of the Easter Vigil Service, a member of the Church of England will be baptised into the Catholic Church. Father said that about 2500 joined the Catholic Church in 2009. Chris will organise the Washing of Feet on Maundy Thursday and the fire at the Vigil Service.
Bysche will organise a rota for the Watching on Holy Thursday from 7.00 to midnight. Ellie said the choir are preparing music until 9.00 after which it will be time for quiet contemplation.

Finance.

- No report: Margaret said that the weekly offerings have not increased and Bob & Ciaran will be doing a report to the Parishioners and asking for an increase. Father is no longer getting a salary from the school as they are looking to appoint a full time lay chaplain. He will still be doing Mass and the Sacraments.
- Chris said the 100 club will be able to sustain the same level of prizes. To get more to contribute at £15per annum, he will put a notice in the Easter Magazine.
- Berkswell Parish Council has asked if we would be prepared to sell the field. Margaret reported that the Finance Committee held a meeting today with John Scanlan, property administrator from the Diocese, who asked the opinion of the Parish. He will ask the Diocesan Schools Commission if there would ever be a possibility of a school being built. We do not know how much money BPC is likely to offer as payment. The field is a nuisance factor and we need a larger car park. Any sale would include a proviso about future sale or development. Any decision will be made by the whole Parish, but until we have all the facts we cannot make an informed decision.

Charities and Social Events.

- HCPT Coffee evening 22nd February raised £1646.92
- Curry Night 6th February was a great success. It raised £665 and a Thank You note was sent from Jesus Youth.
- Women's World Day of prayer. Ellie said the event was well attended and enjoyed by all.

A.O.B.

- Ellie attended the Deanery Catechist Society in Wootton Wawen. It is a forum for sharing ideas. It encourages the Children's Liturgy leaders. A new priest talked about St.Luke's Gospel. Father Pat let Ellie look at his Prayer Trust Books.
- Ellie asked if she could organise for the children to have flowers on Mothering Sunday. It was agreed.
- Ellie asked if we could become a Fair Trade Parish. This had been mooted previously but had been allowed to slip. We need to start with small steps. She will speak to Louise, who buys the Tea & Coffee.
- Bysche asked if he could put a notice in the bulletin about the SPUC demonstration on 24th April. Father agreed.

Date of next meeting

- 20th May 7:30 in the Parish room.