

St. Peter's Parish Pastoral Team Meeting.
Monday 2nd December, 2019. Started at 7.00 pm in church with
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

MINUTES.

Present. Fr Peter, David Small, James Walker, Tony Cordes, Anne-Marie Bailey, Alison McGarr (Chair), Rachel McKay (minutes).

1. **Apologies;** - Sophie Hourihan, Margaret Drury, Terry Thiele, Anne Rogowski, Tony Shaw.
2. Minutes of last meeting already accepted.
3. **A) Feedback on Hazel Grove and Offerton Community Sponsorship Initiative for Refugee family.**
 - Around £2,500 has been raised so far.
 - Meeting on a fortnightly basis – firming up the different roles.
 - Tony O'Reilly from St Christopher's, Romiley came to one of the meetings to discuss the application form.
 - Rachel Hughes from Caritas also visited. Caritas is the lead sponsor for the project and will act as guarantor with the Home Office. Caritas needs to see our £9,000 funds before our application form can go off.
 - Aiming to raise nearer £15,000. Costs likely to include covering income for 6 weeks on arrival whilst awaiting Universal Credit to avoid family going into debt. St Christopher's also ended up securing a property 6 months prior to the family arriving that added to the cost. Further costs regarding E.S.O.L (English lessons) and translator fees. Possibly our family might have a cap on benefits at £21,000 – this therefore could leave a shortfall due to increased cost of properties in the Hazel Grove area. The idea is for the family to be working and attain financial independence/be benefit free in 2 years.

Fund raising plan.

- Festive teas and coffees – 15th December
- Mince Pies and mulled wine on Sunday 22nd December after 10 AM Mass – could also be after the carol service at 2.30 pm? – Alison to discuss at next meeting.
- Teas and Coffees with Keralan snacks – Sunday 19th January.
- Race night in February.
- Irish coffees on St Patrick's day.

- BBQ in June
- James and Toby doing 10 K
- Family sponsored walk at Easter. (David said he had details of family walks in Lyme Park used on a family day some years ago.)
- £4 a month club.

There are some issues around banking. All paperwork for the bank account has been completed with Lloyds - just waiting for the account to open. People are asking about gift aid and who to write cheques out to. Possibly we could find out the account name so that we could at least advise people who to write cheques out to?

Next Steps.

- Possibly speaking at the end of Masses after Christmas. Article to go in Shine.
- Post Christmas all the group need to attend application form training with Reset. The application form is now a shorter form than the one St Christopher's had to submit. This will be filled in as the fundraising takes place and will be submitted once the £9,000 total is reached.
- Tony Cordes suggested an event involving music e.g. the Songs of Praise involving the Primary schools brought a lot of people in. Possibly there will be a music evening after the BBQ.
- This is a really positive project. Lots of lovely young people are involved. This possibly will be an on-going project. Romiley are now on to their second family.

Actions; - Alison

- Will do a paragraph for the Christmas day newsletter.
- Take a photo for Shine at the next meeting of all the people involved in the project.
- Discuss if Mulled Wine/ Mince pies could also be done after the parish carol service.

B) Year of The Word 2020 – "The God who speaks." Vespers took place yesterday. There are plenty of resources for this year on the website <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/>

- There are four meditations for Advent that Fr Peter asked the scripture group to have a look at.
- Possible Bible School follow up day on March 21st
- Maybe having a week of guided prayer?

- Possibility of Mary Hardiman doing some sessions eg Lectio Divina/ God speaking through Scripture? Mary doing a Footsteps talk in September (could follow theme of the Year of the Word?)
- The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (26th January, 2020) has been offered by Pope Francis as 'Word of God Sunday'. Fr Peter asked the scripture group to look at planning something for that day. Ideas included looking at two different translations of the same passage/ Lectio Divina.
- Possibly people could be given a copy of St Matthews Gospel? – There is a reading plan to follow for Matthew's Gospel on the website.

Action; - **Scripture group** will have a look at the four Advent reflections/ plan something for Sunday 26th January, 2020.

B) Bible Weekend Follow-up day

Fr Peter awaiting confirmation of date of 21st March for availability of the Parish Centre – and will then confirm date with David Beresford. This day will probably follow theme of The God Who Speaks? Fr Peter will discuss format of the day with David Beresford and possibility of including Lectio Divina again.

Action; - **Fr Peter** will follow-up with David Beresford.

A-O-B. 1) Loop system in the Main hall. Loop system available in the Meeting room. A loop system would be very helpful in the main hall for Footsteps and other similar gatherings. Fr Peter felt that this should be fairly straightforward for this to happen. James offered to investigate this possibility further.

Action: - **James** to check out feasibility and costing of a loop system for the hall

2. Welcome pack. Brief discussion about possibility of creating a welcome pack. Some people asking to register with the parish and seem to be looking for more than we are giving them. Anne-Marie said that there is a welcome leaflet at the back of church – this could be added to – maybe ask about gifts and talents/ ministries previously involved in? Details on giving and Gift aid forms? Probably need to re-visit what happens to the filled in forms.

Action; - Agenda item for the next meeting.

The meeting closed with the Parish Prayer.

Next PPT Meeting; Monday 27th January 2020.

Meeting starts in church at 7.00 pm with Exposition.

Chairperson; - Alison. Minutes; - Rachel.