

**St. Peter's Parish Pastoral Team Meeting.  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2023. Started with Adoration in church at 7pm  
followed by meeting in the Sacristy.**

**MINUTES**

**Present.** Fr Peter, Alison McGarr (Chair), Anne-Marie Bailey, Clare Allen, Helen Lyons, Anne Rogowski, David Small, James Walker; Rachel McKay (minutes).

**Apologies;** Terry Thiele, Sophie Hourihan, Margaret Drury

- Minutes of last meeting already accepted.

**1. Come and See Event. Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

Thanks to Clare Allen for coordinating this day. This was an excellent event and went very well. Lots of positive feedback received. It was a community builder. Polish community represented/St Philips too. Many conversations took place; new volunteers for many of the groups and activities. Great support from the Scouts/uniformed groups. New initiatives emerging – e.g., Autism/faith in Action. List for new readers; PPT and various other groups.

Possible improvements: - situate the scouts more centrally; the Kerala community came and said they will get involved next time; maybe hold in June next time – warmer for outdoor activities. There was a suggestion to involve other parishes who don't have access to the variety of groups that we have. Bereavement group reaches out beyond St Peter's as does Footsteps.

The money raised has been donated to St Philip's Food bank.

**New PPT members:** Fr Peter has emailed those who signed up to join the PPT (14 names) thanking them for their offer of support. There aren't vacancies for all of them immediately, but Fr Peter will write to them in the near future as people step down (representatives amongst volunteers from St Philip's; Polish community; Kerala community; TOAST.)

**New Readers.** Those new people who have volunteered to read have been emailed. There will be a Readers Day on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June, facilitated by Mary Hardiman. The new sign ups have been invited to this day which will also be for existing readers. Hopefully a new means of organizing a Rota for the readers can be developed as well on that day.

**2. Parish Centre Refurbishment.** This starts next week 27/03/23 until 22/05/23. Some groups will continue by using the Meeting Room and the Scout Hut. The meeting room will be available throughout the refurb and the disabled toilet will be available for use. Access may be via the fire doors at times. There will be some disruption to groups, and we will have to wait and see how the refurb goes and change plans accordingly.

Refurbishment will include -

- Full refurb of Main Hall, toilets and Members lounge – decoration; carpets; dance floor will be repaired.
- New crockery for communal use and some new units in the kitchen.
- Extra storage space to be created in the stage area/storeroom after the refurbishment.
- Projector and drop-down screen.
- Hopefully increased number of plug sockets and re-ordering of light switches etc. Proximity lighting?
- New ceiling.
- Discussion about improving the Wi-Fi – James noted that to improve Wi-Fi the routers would have to be fitted into new ceiling – could be done by the company that fitted the screens in church/would need scaffolding.

**Action: - Fr Peter** – to discuss installation of Wi-Fi with person who fitted the screens.

### **3. Centenary Plans.**

- **St Peter's Centenary Gin.** Anne-Marie and Terry will design a label. Stockport Gin will produce the gin. Anne-Marie will speak to Stockport Gin about the label. **Action: - Anne-Marie** will consult with Terry/Stockport Gin about the label.
- **Faith in Action - Action - Alison** will come to the next SPY
- **Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> - Coronation lunch** booked for Parish Centre.
- **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June - Life in the Spirit seminar**
- **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023** – Mass for St Peter and Paul at 7.30 PM to launch the year. The children from the Primary schools will be involved in a Mass at church during the day.

- **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 - Boundary Walk - Action:** - Anne Rogowski is leading on this. Fr Peter signs off the risk assessments according to the Diocese.
- **February 2024** – Celebration of Marriage and Family Life Service/Day. Fr Peter would like to repeat a similar event to the one held a few years ago. **Action:** - **David** looking at dates for this.
- **Lent 2024** – (Dates to be confirmed) Either **March 2<sup>nd</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>** **David Wells will do a Parish Day of recollection plus an inset day for the 3 schools on the Friday**
- **24-hour Adoration** – maybe May/June this year when evenings are lighter. To take place in Lent 2024 (24 hours for the Lord)
- **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024** –**Midday Mass** and garden party for the centenary of the Parish. Invite Bishop and former clergy of the Parish. This may be combined with a flower festival. **Action:** - **Fr Peter** to invite Bishop/clergy.
- **‘Come and Sing day.** Great to have the choirs involved at the ‘Come and See’ day. Discussion with Eileen Rigg, Clare, and James about Come and Sing. One idea from the PPT is that maybe a group could come together to write a Parish hymn for the centenary? Adult hymn and a children’s version. People could come together to sing their favourite hymns. The idea of the Come and Sing is to bring people together representing all the different groups, choirs, and styles of music in the parish.
- **Music Rota** is now being added to the newsletter each week.
- **Rock Passion/Parish Pantomime** – Julie is doing the Stations of the Cross now for Good Friday. Open to everyone (youth and adults) to be involved.
- St Peter’s School has a contemporary dance group, maybe they could be involved in some way?

4. **Parish handbook** – Some groups have given Clare new wording via Come and See day. Probably best to update the website rather than producing another handbook? This could be done as a web page/micro site? Can we ask the groups to look at the content of their group on the parish website and update? James has been keeping the website updated.

**Action:** - **Clare to liaise with James** re. updating new content for the groups following the Come and See day on website.

### **5. A.O.B.**

**A) Parish Census** – Needs to be done but we need a way to store the data before it happens. Is the data package available now via OPAS – this was something that the diocese said might be available with finance package rather than us proceeding with Church suite.

**Action:** - **Fr Peter** - will discuss with Carol Lawrence.

**B) Parish Calendar on the Website**; - Clare has continued to work on this which has been requested by the various groups to help with planning of activities. People need to know what other groups are doing and when. James can set this up but how would this be kept updated and by whom? We have people in the parish who are skilled with IT.

**Action:** - **Clare** to discuss adding the parish calendar to the website with **James**.

**C) Shared Contact List**; - Following the Come and See day, Clare has an updated list of all the people running groups in the Parish. This could be added to the website if people give consent or could be shared with other group leaders or people could be contacted by the office. Another possibility is that James can set up an email addresses for different groups which can then be set to auto-forward to your own email.

**Action:** - **Clare** to see if groups happy for contact info to be shared on the website or just with other group leaders/ Parish office and share accordingly.

**D) Old parish website** – an old Parish Centre website is still in existence.

**Action:** - **Clare** to send link to James.

Meeting ended with the Parish Prayer.

Date for next meeting: **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023** starting at 7 PM with Adoration in church. (New PPT members to be invited.)