

**St. Peter's Parish Pastoral Team Meeting
Monday 18th March, 2024**

MINUTES.

Present Fr Peter, Alison McGarr (chair), Anne-Marie Bailey, Rachel McKay (minutes) Clare Allen, David Small, Anne Rogowski.

Apologies Terry Thiele, Sam Panjeta.

Minutes of last meeting already accepted.

1. Synod - listening to the margins.

Alison suggested that PPT could look at the themes for the Jubilee year namely: - care for creation, food poverty, modern slavery, managing debt, forgiveness, and rest. Year of Jubilee starts 24/12/24. Could have a focus for each month – prayer/speakers etc. Raise awareness of issues – signpost people to organisations that can support.

Action: - return to jubilee themes in September

Alison interested in exploring rest/retreats. Experience of 'reclaiming Sundays' happened unconsciously. Doing less unnecessary shopping etc and having more family time together. Many families exhausted though/people having to work on a Sunday/sports activities unavoidable. Need to meet people where they are. There will be pilgrim ways in each diocese for the jubilee year.

Action: - Alison will explore retreats available in 2025 and feedback.

Much to think about from the David Wells Day. Church exists to spread joy. Reflection on the four cardinal virtues - Fortitude; Justice; prudence; temperance to rediscover our joy. Sophia's 3 daughters Faith Hope and Charity. Arrange opportunity for people to listen again to David Wells talks to allow for further discussion.

Action: - Date now arranged - Thursday 23rd May 7.30 PM. Opportunity to listen to the David Wells talk using audio recording and slides.

Idea of synodal working within the parish. Bring the various parish groups together twice a year. Collectively pose ourselves questions: - how we can be more inclusive/welcoming etc. This worked well for the Come and See day with groups becoming more aware how we could help each other out/share resources. Opportunity to listen to each other, to do Synod, work in a synodal way.

Action: - **Clare** will take this forward. Possibly meet before the Centenary weekend or in September.

Salford Diocese having their own Diocesan synod. Producing resources for the jubilee year.

Action: - **Fr Peter/Alison** will speak to teachers in Salford diocese to have a look at resources that are being made available.

2. Safeguarding. Thanks to Anne for all her hard work in this area. Around 100 people are on the safeguarding list in the parish. Very active parish with many people involved. DBS procedure very involved. Important to get people vetted in as timely a manner as is possible. There will be some Diocesan training courses available online shortly. What do people need to do in terms of training? Anne now has a separate phone number that she uses for safeguarding.

Action: - Anne will investigate what training is available/necessary and feedback.

3. Centenary events.

A) Week of guided prayer. Sunday 21st April – Saturday 27th April. A good number of people have signed up already.

B) Parish Centenary Flower Festival weekend of 29th June with Mass at 12 midday on 29th followed by food.

- Fr Peter has warned the former priests of the parish that they will be getting an invite plus the bishop. Invites will be sent out after Easter.
- Parish Centre booked in case wet.
- Flower festival will be on Friday/Saturday and Sunday.
- Fr Peter will discuss catering with Helen – caterers? Buffet either on the lawn or in the parish centre if wet.

- Clare suggested encouraging Toast to have a Centenary theme and celebration on the Sunday morning. They could make centenary flags for the Sunday morning Mass on the 30th.

C) Centenary Mosaic. Alison has visited Sacred Heart and St Francis in Gorton where they have mosaic Stations of the Cross in the garden.

Clare has been in contact with a professional Mosaic designer. If we can come up with our own graphic design ideas, she will be able to give us a more definite price. Thought is to have the mosaic on the wall inside church. Idea; - Keys or reference to St Peter and 100 years of the parish. (or plaque underneath the Mosaic to explain the occasion) Mosaic doesn't need to be completed by 29th June.

Action: - **Anne-Marie** and Terry will look at designs.

4. Disability Inclusion.

Thanks to Clare for all her work on the access document. Overview of feedback re. breakout spaces for people who get overwhelmed; toddler friendly area: disabled toilet/access to toilet in church; areas for education + training /raising awareness. An accessibility action plan could be drawn up by the group and bring any actions requested to Fr Peter/PPT.

Group is now called 'Disability Inclusion group'. Maura Beesley happy to be the contact person for the parish. Clare is finalizing the access document before it is added to the website along with a short form statement. The new email address for the group along with Maura as contact.

The group is planning a short inclusive Mass for those with disabilities both physical and hidden on Sunday 28th April at 2.30 PM. Meeting to plan on Wednesday 20th April 7.15 PM.

Fr Peter happy for an area to be created on the website for disability inclusion.

Action- Clare will add remaining photos to the access statement. This will then be forwarded to Anne-Marie with short form statement; email and contact details following the group's meeting on Wednesday.

5. Social Media. Fr Peter happy to give access to the Parish Facebook page for someone to post about upcoming events etc.

St Alban's in Macclesfield use Facebook very effectively. (600 followers on the St Peter's page.

Action: - **Fr Peter** will share access to the page.

6. Email address. Still require an email address for PPT to communicate with parish groups.

Action: - **Fr Peter** will speak to Peter Welch to see if he can reset/set up one of the remaining addresses on the account.

7. Shine. Shine is in its final stages of proofing. Will be available on Easter day. 4 extra pages have been added.

8. Events list: - Anne-Marie will add the Bereavement group dates to the list. The list is available on the News/Events section of the website.

7. AOB

- St Philip's School held a very successful coffee morning for parishioners.
- St Peter's school are bringing some of their choir members to sing at Palm Sunday Mass 6 PM on Sunday.
- St Simon's are singing for the upcoming St Peter's Helpers Cuppa and chat and have an Easter presentation in church next Tuesday evening.
- Great for the parish to have the involvement of the schools.

- Fr Peter arranging the Readers' rotas for Holy Thursday/Good Friday/Easter day – these are not available online.

The meeting finished with the Parish Prayer.

Date for next meeting: **Monday 13th May 2024** starting at 7 PM with Adoration in church followed by Meeting.