

**St. Peter's Parish Pastoral Team Meeting
Monday 13th May 2024**

MINUTES

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

Apologies; Anne Rogowski, Sam Panjeta.

Minutes of last meeting already accepted.

Centenary Events.

1. **Week of Guided Prayer.** Excellent week that went very well. Very positive feedback received. Changed atmosphere of the parish. Should be repeated on a regular basis. Need for succession planning/training to recruit more prayer guides for the future.
2. **Flower festival and arrangements for the weekend.**

Collette and her flower arrangers' team are following a theme based around the Sacraments and the Word. Flower festival will run Friday/Saturday Sunday.

St Peter's and St Simon's Schools attending 10 AM Mass on Friday 28th June.

Saturday (29th) Midday Mass – Bishop will be coming. Invites have been sent to former clergy; past and present headteachers of the schools.

TOAST will be in church on Sunday morning (30th) 10 AM Mass - they will make centenary flags the week before.

Fr Peter suggested having a meeting (10th June 7.30) to plan for the weekend.

Recruit helpers/volunteers/stewards for the weekend – hall set up; garden set up; serving drinks on lawn; any welcoming/help required over flower festival.

Grounds tidy up planned for Saturday June 15th, 9 AM – 11.30 AM.

Work has commenced on a bench to commemorate the Centenary.

Possible plan.

Drinks on the lawn after the Mass (weather permitting) – glasses/Prosecco from Threshers. Action: -Rachel.

Crossley's providing a buffet for 200 in the Parish Centre.

Old Photos of parish to be requested via newsletter and Terry will display on the screens in church and Parish centre.

Music in hall – Alison will bring music/speakers.

Clare Allen will send an email to all the groups/volunteers – for Monday 10th June 7.30 PM – Members lounge or possibly in church.

Note for newsletter – Asking for old parish photos/helpers Action;- Anne-Marie.

Centenary Mosaic: - Terry and Anne-Marie will produce some design ideas for the next meeting.

3. Synod – Alison fed back about the progress of the Synod in Salford Diocese. At the 'Big Listen' phase. Responses from the parishes; schools; youth are now with Bishop John. How do we become more inclusive/show that we are listening as a parish?

We need to endorse the idea of synodal working within the parish, the fact that our motivation is to be synodal. Listen to each other and those on the edges. Clare's idea from last meeting - was to bring the various parish groups together twice a year. Collectively pose ourselves questions: - how we can be more inclusive/welcoming etc. Practical opportunities to help out also give us chance to chat and listen to each other. There will be opportunities at the grounds clear up and the Centenary planning meeting to listen to each other, to do Synod, Clare has a preliminary jobs list. Take ideas from the people and follow up in September.

Action: - **Clare** will email all the various groups in Parish about Centenary grounds clear up and planning meeting. A follow up meeting will be held in September.

4. Disability Inclusion.

An example of working in a synodal way. This group has emerged from conversations at the 'Come and See' Day.

Disability Inclusive Mass was very well received. Further meeting on 17th May 7.15 PM to look at feedback. Good mix of ages and

people. Many had travelled quite a distance. Parents relaxed. Often can feel cut off from the Vine.

Accessible seating in church is making a difference in church. Sense of space and openness. People gaining confidence to come and sit at the front.

An action plan should arise from the access statement. Ideas; - improvement of the lighting in the carpark in winter; Develop of breakout spaces e.g. 'quiet' space in Sacristy or children's space in porch/piety stall area or towards back of church taking out benches? Further listening to ideas required. Available space is quite limited.

David reported that the loop system is much clearer around edges of the church than in the centre aisle.

5. Social Media. Fr Peter will speak to Conor/James about log in to Parish Facebook account. St. Alban's in Macclesfield use Facebook very effectively. Could be used to publicize the Flower Festival and other Parish events.

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

6. Email address. An additional parish email address is available for the PPT. This will be used to communicate with the Parish groups; ppt@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk

Action; - Clare will communicate with Peter Welch and will manage the email address.

7. Safeguarding. No further news on training.

8. Year of Jubilee. Advent 2024 – Advent 2025.

Advent retreat day is booked for November 30th (Mary Hardiman) Fr Peter will have a think of a possible speaker for a Lenten retreat day.

Action: For further discussion in September.

9. Shine. Thanks to Terry and Anne-Marie for all their hard work. Really good edition. Great variety of articles. Next issue will be Christmas (December 2024.)

7. AOB

- Can we advertise the flower festival locally. Leaflets/posters – looking outwards. Invite other churches/ people from local area. Discuss with Colette and her team. Terry could do a
- poster? Action: - Clare

The meeting finished with the Parish Prayer.

Date for next meeting: **Monday 22nd July 2024** starting at 7 PM – short meeting before summer break.