

**St. Peter's Parish Pastoral Team Meeting.**  
**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2024**

**MINUTES.**

**Present.** Fr Peter, (chair), Anne-Marie Bailey, Clare Allen, Terry Thiele, Rachel McKay (minutes).

**Apologies;** Alison McGarr, Anne Rogowski, David Small.

Minutes of last meeting already accepted.

1. Feedback from Disability Inclusion Group. Thanks to Maura Beesly and Anna Magner who attended the meeting to feedback about the work and progress of the Disability inclusion group. This group has been up and running for 2 years and has come a long way, organising a church open day; influencing changes to the regular Masses as well as hosting two disability inclusive Masses. (56 people and a hearing dog at the most recent Mass for all ages, all disabilities.) A further Mass with a Christmas theme is planned for the 1st of December (early as life very busy for families managing additional needs in run up to Christmas.) Very positive feedback received about the Masses - many have said they would like them to be more frequent however realistically we are looking at maybe 3 Masses each year. We now have a basic structure for each Mass which must be scripted in order to allow for Makaton or BSL signing. Fr Pat has used the same structure in Timperley. People travel from across the area to attend – different people at each of the Masses held so far. No similar groups in the Stockport area but the St Peter's group has had support from a group in a Catholic Parish in Wetherby. The Disability Inclusion Group (DIG) now has its own one-page website for people to keep in touch with developments/events. The Masses are good fun, and it would be good to have input from a younger age group too, maybe involving the youth from SPY as volunteers?

Anna gave feedback about the "Roofbreaker" initiative – an interdenominational organisation that has been active since 1996 aiming to make church accessible to all. (Globally, only 5% of people with a disability get to hear the Gospel) It is a UK based organisation that operates internationally as well. Anna attended a Roofbreaker seminar with Sue Daniels. Roofbreakers provide training and

resources for parish use. A couple of the resources mentioned include

- A 'Disability Toolkit' – enabling an audit of how disability friendly the parish is.
- Series of checklists for the different areas/groups to consider e.g. Audiovisual – how to become more disability friendly.

Roofbreakers encourage parishes to have people with disability involved and using their skills across all areas of ministry. Online training is available for parish groups. One idea would be to hold a training session across all parish groups.

DBS checks for the group are now in hand.

**Action:- Anna** to have discussion with Clare about an audit using the disability toolkit/checklists in the parish and possible training session with the various groups.

**Fr Peter** thanked the group for their important contribution and will speak to Ann Rogowski to facilitate DBS checks for the group.

## 2. Bishops Visitation Form.

This form gives a snapshot of the parish at the current time. Time spent making amendments and additions to the contributions on the shared google document compiled by Clare.

3. Website. Anne-Marie reported that work on the website development is underway with a team of Chris, Dan, Kyle and Anne-Marie and that good progress is being made. The new website will be forward looking/interactive – attractive/accessible to youth and families. Analysis and a project plan have been done and the team have looked at other websites. They have a meeting next week to define the overall structure and project brief and then plan to engage with all the major groups in the parish. Anne-Marie has been fact-finding about the parish Facebook account, YouTube channel and possible engagement with Instagram etc.

4. Shine. The next edition of Shine will be available at Christmas. The deadline for submissions will be November 10<sup>th</sup>. A note has been submitted for this week's newsletter.

5. Jubilee Year – Fr Peter will submit an article for Shine on the jubilee year. Pilgrimage to Rome happening and there will be various events happening during the year.

6. Centenary Mosaic. Terry has produced some design ideas using the quote “You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church.” Possibly an image of St Peter included. Parish logo could be on the mosaic or on the sign underneath.

**Action:** - Fr Peter will speak to Maria Elena, then Anne-Marie will follow up with her.

Date for next meeting: **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024**, starting with Adoration at 7 PM in church.

The meeting closed with the Parish Prayer.