

Minutes of PAC Meeting, Tuesday, 7th February 2023

1 Present: Fr Patrick, Michael Seales, Bernadette Eakin, Mary Verdult, Mary Pillon, Mary Wilson, Tim Naylor.

2 Mary Pillon had decided to relinquish the role of Minutes Secretary. She was warmly thanked for her past work. Mike Seales agreed to undertake the job. The minutes of the last meeting (7.12.22) were approved.

3. Matters arising from minutes of last meeting: -

The problem of dog fouling close to church is less bad than it was, but a problem remains in the area of the cemetery.

Different people were now processing with Communion gifts, following a suggestion by a parishioner.

The Carol Service arranged by Mary Verdult and Bernadette may have been sparsely attended but it was very much enjoyed by those who participated.

It was hoped that the Newsletter may evolve into an A4 printed version, which would be available in church and on-line.

4. It was noted that part of the footpath outside the church had been repaired, but the absence of any fencing remains a problem. More work is required on the pathway leading down to the church. The cost of this additional work would fall on the parish. Mary Verdult was thanked for acting as an important intermediary in bringing repair work to fruition.

5. Following discussions with staff at Harvington Hall, Mike Seales expressed confidence that the Dona Card Reader would meet our needs, even if a bit more costly than its main rival system. A relatively weak phone signal in church means that a land line would be required. Quotations for this and a broadband package will now be sought.

6. Lent Activities. Book Club: The group will discuss, Ruth Burrows' "To Believe in Jesus." Film Club: Charlotte Carver proposes that films with religious themes be shown in the Parish Hall on three Sunday afternoons in March, 3pm start. Vintage footage of St Wulstan's activities would also be a feature of these gatherings.

There are three candidates for confirmation. Meetings will take place in the in Parish Hall after Mass on those Sunday's when coffee isn't offered. Mike & Margaret Seales to lead.

7. A request was made for an updated contacts list to be posted at the back of church. Details are as follows:

BUILDINGS & MAINTENANCE: Rob Taylor, 07585474662

SAFEGUARDING: Tim Naylor, 07501904840

SOCIAL EVENTS: These are a standing agenda item, ideas and suggestions being proposed by various committee members. Suggestions might also be canvassed via the Newsletter.

8. There was evident appreciation of the news that June Stallard will offer a lunch for volunteers at her home. Date to be finalised.

9. AOB.

Charlotte Carver's efforts with regard to the design, production and sale of Christmas cards have yielded a significant amount of money for the church restoration fund. The committee expressed great appreciation for this work. Charlotte requested that she undertake a reprint of nativity cards, which she will sponsor. This request was approved.

Fr Patrick explained that there will be an 8.30am Mass on Sunday's during Lent. Stations of the Cross will commence on 24th February.

With the exception of Friday's at 6pm, new alternative Mass times during the week will be trialled. Days and times to be confirmed.

Fr Patrick shared the belief that the parish should consider the return of Communion in both kinds. Eucharistic Ministers would require DBS checks.

There is a lot of interest from outside the parish in the Chant Workshop scheduled for 25 February.

A St Patrick's Day social event was proposed by Bernadette and Mary V. There will be music, poetry and food and drink.

10. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 23rd March, 6.30pm