

SAINT WULSTAN'S PARISH

AGM

23 JUNE 2019

All were welcomed by Gavin Purves.

1. ELECTION TO THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

A vote was held, and it was unanimous that Peter Lutzeier was elected into the PPC.

Heartfelt thanks to Madeline Little for her service and who now steps down from the Chair. A new Chair will be elected at the first meeting of year of the PPC.

2. FATHER EDWARD GAVE A SUMMARY OF THIS PASTORAL YEAR

Father Edward outlined the purpose and duties carried out by the PPC, which included visiting the sick and housebound and administering Holy Communion. It was noted that currently there is a record number of sick and housebound in the Parish which has contributed to a fall in numbers at Mass together with four parishioners who have recently died.

The PPC has contributed to the organisation of Mass, educational courses, pilgrimages and other events. It also has promoted and contributed towards the local Food Bank, Hospice Africa and Syrian refugees.

Thanks was given to the choir, servers at Mass, florists, cleaners and those engaged in fundraising for the Church.

3. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

Firstly, compliments were given to Chris Griffin for the excellent layout of the accounts presented.

Chris outlined the income and expenditure from 1 January 2018 to 30 December 2018. There was a net surplus of £4000 compared to a net deficit from the previous year of £8000.

Payment for the restoration of the organ and the west front of the Church had been completed.

It was noted that there had been some very successful fundraising and donations which had helped to keep the accounts healthy.

It was agreed to adopt the Accounts for this year.

Questions were then opened to the floor.

A question was raised in respect of the charging for burials which so far has been free of charge to parishioners. This would help towards the cost of the cemetery maintenance. Following consultation with the Archdiocese a paper will be circulated for information and discussion.

The Chair of the Finance Committee – Father Edward.

Father Edward reiterated that the restoration to the west front of the Church was now completed and paid for.

Works in the cemetery are ongoing.

Proposed works to the trees are ongoing.

The condition of the driveway is under review and costings are to be obtained from a Quantity Surveyor as it is believed the full cost of permanent repair will be at least £30,000.

The renovation of the north side of the Church has been deferred until next year.

4. WEBSITE

It was agreed that the website needs updating and the Newsletter needs to be on the webpage as soon as possible.

5. CHURCH ARTIFACTS

The Sacred Heart statue is still under restoration but should be back in the Church for the feast of the Sacred Heart

The Sanctuary lamp counter weight has been located and it has been sent to an Ecclesiastical specialist who has produced a drawing as to how it will hang.

A vote was taken as to which set of the Stations of the Cross was preferred. The vote was cast and the old painted Stations of the Cross was voted for in preference. The ceramic Stations of the Cross are to be kept and stored. Restoration of the adopted Stations of the Cross is to be paid for by voluntary donations.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The new Christmas card was presented by Charlotte Carver and estimates for quantities are to be obtained. There will be further discussions with Father Edward.

THE MEETING WAS THEN CLOSED.