

ST WULSTAN'S CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Sunday 1st July 2018 in the Parish Room

The meeting was chaired by Fr Edward Crouzet starting at 12.00 and continued for an hour. There were 34 parishioners in attendance.

Fr Edward opened the meeting with a summary of the past 12 months.

1. He spoke about Peter Kay, Teresa Fry and Michael Noakes who died in the past 12 months.
2. The major works that had been carried out during this time were:
 - a) The refurbishment of the organ - thanks were given to James Sweetman for the money he raised towards this.
 - b) The cleaning and repair of the Rose Window and north-west windows
 - c) The installation of the street lamp half way down the driveway ramp.
 - d) The pruning of the trees and general tidying up in the cemetery - work done as a gift by friends of Fr Edward.
3. Special events which took place included:
 - a) St Wulstan's Day Mass and blessing of the organ attended by Archbishop Bernard
 - b) Special Masses for the Start of the School Year, Remembrance Sunday and Mothers' Day
 - c) The Garden Party which took place at the home of Peter and Elizabeth Lutzeier.
4. The initiatives taken were:
 - a) The fundraising sale of Christmas Cards organised by Bill & Charlotte Carver
 - b) The twice-monthly Mass in Extraordinary Form taking place.
 - c) Continuance of contributions to the Malvern Food Bank
 - d) A collection of clothes for Ledbury Refugee Relief
 - e) Improvements to the website
5. Enforced changes to music in the church owing to the illness of Music Director Angela Cranmore have taken place. The choir have often had to sing unaccompanied and 3 invited organists have played on several occasions, all to great effect.
6. In looking ahead Fr Edward mentioned the following:
 - a) Fundraising is still needed to the tune of £90,000 to reach a target of £150,000.
Restoration of the west front of the church is to be undertaken this year, and of the north side later.
To date there is a Christmas coffee morning planned.
 - b) As a result of the shortage of child Servers new adult Servers are being enlisted
 - c) A possible monthly meeting be held at various parishioners' houses to discuss topics of their choice.
 - d) Owing to Julia Kearns' departure to University in the Autumn June Stallard was elected to replace her on the PPC. Fr Edward strongly recommended that a Lay Chair be elected by the Council to conduct meetings and set the Agenda.
7. All of us are grateful to those who contributed in various ways to the running of the Parish.
8. Fr Edward then called on Chris Griffin, the Parish Treasurer, to go through the 2017 accounts which were circulated at the meeting.

The meeting was then thrown open for suggestions and comments, which were as follows:

- i) The PPC take on the role of a Management Committee.
- ii) A working party be organised to clean up the grounds on a regular basis.
- iii) Suggestions were made in relation to the hiring out of the Parish Room.