

Parish Coordinating Group Minutes

8th February 2011

Present: Fr Kieron O'Brien - Chair, Kathy Campbell, Geoff Breeze, Susan Line, Paul Andrewartha, Simon Davenport, Dot Leaver, Lena Finn (secretary).

Apologies: Fr Alexander, Jenny Edwards, Ged Lavery

1. Prayer & welcome

2. Minutes of last meeting

- Agreed.

3. Matters arising

- Fr K had not identified anyone willing to organize the proposed street party in recognition of the Royal Wedding and therefore it would probably not go ahead.
- SL had successfully recruited Eileen Robson as "Kitchen Monitor". She will ensure the kitchen area remains tidy and will liaise with LF re supplies

4. Youth News

- PA confirmed that 12 girls and 7 boys were currently attending the Confirmation sessions. This is the largest number enrolling within the parish and Fr K confirmed it was the largest within the Deanery. The group is meeting regularly and following the revised, shortened course with a weekend in the New Forest planned. The group discussed Confirmation for those children attending boarding schools.
- Another "Meet & Greet" is planned for Easter.
- PA had developed links with Fr Peter Fitch in Bognor and planned a Youth Prayer Night to alternate with St Richard's and Bognor. PA hoped to develop stronger links with the Youth Group in Bognor.
- PA had been working more closely with the Yr 6 at the School.
- The Ecumenical Service at Chichester Cathedral was a success. 6 girls from the Parish had represented St Richard's and read the Prayers of the Faithful.
- The Youth Group was going well although there were a few problems with the integration of Yr6 and Yr9 children.

5. Bosham Project

- Fr K told the group that the Parish Finance Committee has agreed to draw £100K from the YR2000 fund together with the £35k already raised to fund the extension with the proviso that there is a strategy to repay the fund.

- MCS has built up a viable Parish Development Group consisting of herself, Christopher Emerson, Helen Cookson, Joe McCaughey, Gerry Chapman and Jonathan Phillips, who will concentrate on the long term funding and the on going management of the project.
- Currently more tenders were being sought to give a realistic idea of the build cost.
- KC asked if the heating would be included in the improvements and Fr K confirmed that investigations were being made into environmentally friendly alternatives to the current system.
- KC asked if consideration could be given to the reinstating of a Cross on the building. Fr K said that John Cummings had been looking into this but the cost of the installation was prohibitive.
- The working sketch of the David O'Connell picture has been removed from the Parish Rooms at St Richard's and at the request of the MAD group, will be hung in Bosham.

6. Lent Groups/Activities

- Stations of the Cross will be held at St Richard's on Wednesday afternoons and Friday evenings. St Peter's will be after Mass on a Friday morning.
- "How to Pray", a series of talks during Lent will be held on Monday evenings at St Richard's.
- Bosham will be using the Diocesan Lent Book and there was discussion of making it an ecumenical event. There would also be the Lent Lunches.
- SD requested that the Booklet be available in the porch for parishioners.
- A Lent Calendar along the lines of the one produced at Advent will be produced and made available to parishioners.
- Fr K said there would be the usual Walk of Witness in the Witterings. There is also the possibility of the Passion play in Chichester but more details to follow.
- Fr Martin from Holy Trinity in Bosham had hoped to do a combined Mass on Palm Sunday but Fr K felt that although a very good principle the timings of Mass would make this very difficult. Fr Martin would like to start his service at Our Lady and then process to Holy Trinity.
- Holy Trinity had agreed to give 10% of their Summer Fete takings to the Bosham Extension Project.
- SL asked that provision be made at the Penitential Service for Carers to be given preference for Reconciliation as they often only had a short period of time before they had to return home. Fr K felt there was no solution to this and recommended that they made an appointment with the Priest.
- GB confirmed that Churches Together in the Witterings would be holding a series of talks during Lent at URC.

7. Carers' Group

- SL reported that Judy McGregor was very keen to help launch and run the group. Discussions had taken place as to where best to meet. Although there had been no response yet to the newsletter insert SL felt there were a number of people in the Parish that would benefit from such a group.
- KC had spoken with Susan O'Brien who would be happy to come and talk to the group when it is established.

8. Mass Intentions

- DL had received several comments from people who had booked Mass Intention that they were not being mentioned from the Altar. Fr K confirmed that this subject had been raised at the Liturgy Group Meeting were now being read out. Fr K did not like people to think that as they had paid for a mass that they "owned" it. He suggested that if someone were anxious they should approach the priest as often they were unfamiliar with the person.
- GB suggested including the Intention in the Bidding Prayers as they did in St Peter's.

8. AOB

- There will be a Healing Mass at St Richard's on Friday 11th February at 12.15pm.
- Women's World day of Prayer is Friday 4th March. A speaker has been booked for Bosham.
- St Peter's are hosting a "St Patrick's Night" on 19th March.
- The Fundraiser for the pilgrims to World Youth Day is 25th February at Lavant Memorial Hall.
- Bosham have a Caelidh on 12th March.
- Fr K asked that the decision not to have Sacristy Prayers before Mass at Bosham be revisited at the next meeting.
- Fr K distributed literature produced following the Pope's visit and asked that it be discussed at the next meeting.
- The new Missal is expected later in the year. Fr K does not feel that people would attend a "training session". The Music Group felt that the responses would be easier to learn if they were sung rather than spoken. Fr K felt this was an opportunity to renew the Liturgy. A book "Understanding the Revised Mass Texts" will be available from the Parish Office.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 8th March 7.30pm at St Richard's

