

Action Notes - Pastoral Council Away Day CC & OLL
Saturday 12th October 2024
The Priory, Old High Street, Headington

Present: Fr M, Sr M-A, AB, JG (am), JH, JK, ML, MON, ST.

Apologies: NKW, RK, SL, EV, SW

Actions from initial Away Day on 6th July:

1. **Called & Gifted discernment process.** Interest in parish/Deanery to be ascertained in New year, with aim of running it in 2025.
2. **SVP** – talks at masses arranged for w/e 19/20 October (Andrew Nash), with further meeting for those interested on Thurs 24th October in CC hall.

Primary focus of day was discussion and consideration of ‘Mission: Next Steps’ in key areas below.

Fr Mervyn observed that from now on we need to start thinking of ourselves as being within a ‘cluster’ of parishes (CC/OLL, along with Greyfriars and St Anthony of Padua) in the wider Deanery. The cluster could share information and collaborate on events, etc.

Liturgy and Worship

Area	Initial Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liturgy planning with all groups – so that music at masses takes account of Sunday readings and is geared to particular celebrations (e.g. First Communion). 	Meeting to be arranged for leaders of music groups - JH/Fr M
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offertory procession and gifts to be reinstated at all weekend masses 	Fr M & Sr M-A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System for Greeters for all weekend masses to be explored and implemented 	Need to identify co-ordinator for each mass, seek volunteers and create rotas. Announce at Mass & in newsletter - FR M/JG
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecumenicism- Explore the possibility of a shared Carol/Advent service with Headington Churches 	Explore with Headington Churches - AB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement of Young People through the new Diocesan Youth 	Possibility of joint meeting with PD amongst cluster parishes – Fr M?

Service Officer, Patrick Denton, who is working with the Deanery	ST – forward list of interests gleaned from CC young people to PD
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Evangelisation & Formation

Area	Initial Action
Some activity is going on – e.g. Journey in Faith & accompaniment, on 1:1 basis, of enquirers; Café/Sycamore sessions.	Need to consider whether Sycamore resources can be utilised more and sessions perhaps promoted across cluster, approach to evangelisation - JK

Social Outreach

Area	Initial Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Justice and Peace Group (Action for Fairer World) has active external focus e.g.– CAFOD/FHL. Perhaps need to look more at parish/local needs eg SVP Food Bank Ambassador - coordination with Kevin and Mike to determine the role's duties (delivering food from the church, helping with the Food Bank itself, etc). Fair Trade Ambassador to maintain profile of CC/OLL as a Fair Trade Parish. Stall at Christmas Fete might help advertise the role to attendees. Working with our diverse community to identify other needs and priorities within the parish Social outreach more broadly 	<p>SVP talks after masses w/e 19/20 Oct and meeting Th 24th - ST/JH</p> <p>Check on process and needs of food bank. Coordination with Kevin & Mike – ML</p> <p>Seek Fairtrade ambassador via newsletter - JG</p> <p>Areas can be flagged to PPC via suggestions box/office, or newsletter item.</p> <p>Talks after masses in November from Lin McWilliams from Jesuit Missions</p>

Co-Responsibility

Area	Initial Action
<p>Fr M valued work of PPC in channelling ideas and suggestions. Ongoing need to identify competent people to support or lead activities in the parish.</p> <p>Website/ parish information – identified need to develop an engaging active web portal to support parish communication and evangelisation, with relevant up-to-date information. Links to having a welcome leaflet and possibly an alphabetical listing of parish contacts/activities</p>	<p>Raise profile of PPC and activity. Continue seeking suggestions from parishioners – Fr M & all PPC members.</p> <p>Fr M to speak to JG about current website. Possibility then of small group to scope actual requirements for new website to ensure functionality enhanced. Fr M /JK</p>