

Minutes
Parish Pastoral Council
Corpus Christi and Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday 8th June 2024

Present: Fr. Mervyn, Edwina Vernon, Mark Lafferty, Sharon Taylor, Sr Marie Anne, Ruth Kennell, John Guy, John Kirwan, John Hanlon, Shalini Lalvani, Anna Brooke, Sula Wiltshire, Maureen O'Neill

The meeting opened with a prayer

1. **Apologies** - Nick Kenworthy-Brown
2. **Minutes of last meeting** – 9th March 2024 - approved
3. **Matters arising from the minutes** (not covered by items on the agenda):
 - a. ML reported that producing a parish guide was somewhat delayed but perfectly feasible. **ACTION:** Helpful for PPC members to now send ML send details of groups active within parish at CC/OLL to give a good starting point.
 - b. **Notice boards** - SL is reviewing the boards for clarity of presentation. FM said Rob Eyles had suggested cork boards for clarity, ease and look. **ACTION:** SL to explore.
 - c. **Parish renewal** – Called & Gifted (C&G) discernment process and Catholic Parish Summit, Harrogate - JK gave updates on these. ST expressed interest in C&G and asked about training, JH asked about time commitment. JK clarified that C&G normally involved a face to face training workshop, a 1:1 meeting and then participation in small groups via Zoom over several months. FM suggested local participation in C&G within deanery and parish. **ACTION:** He will explore this possibility further with JK.
Safeguarding update – Linda Sullivan has volunteered to assist Ruth. Linda has experience with Safeguarding in her previous Parish. **ACTION:** RK asked for space on bulletin board and SL agreed.
4. **Suggestion regarding support for parishioners who are lonely, ill etc.**

Dolores O'Malley, who had made the initial suggestion, expanded on her proposal. MO remarked it overlaps with our "Called & Gifted" explorations. Also, it may overlap with those organisations we hope to identify within our Parish that may prove useful for outreach. **ACTION** to raise at PPC Away Day – under needs.
5. **PPC Away Day – 6th July.** The format and approach was discussed again, with input from Dolores O'Malley who has kindly agreed to act as facilitator. Apologies were given from Ruth Kennell, Anna Brooke and John Guy. SL observed that it might be helpful to include responses given by parishioners during the Synodal Pathway discussion. **ACTION** JK to check on responses
6. **Social activities & plans – update (SL)**

All events on Facebook, Instagram and the Google Diary, including:
Meet and Eat after 11am mass (with starter and drink). Response has been good, new parishioners in particular appreciated being made welcome. In future going to engage different cultural groups in parish to give varied food themes.

Summer Fete 23rd of June. BBQ, games, cake stall.

Parish trip to Bournemouth on 27th July

Christmas Fete, 1st December

7. Communication with PPC - suggestions received from parishioners

Fran Billington- Corpus Christi Community help desk linking those in need with help - links to away day needs and parish guide

Latin in the 9am mass? It's all down to the choir – clarified that the music at each mass is planned and delivered by the respective choirs

Anna Brook - identifying needs in the Parish and what's going on. **ACTION:** Is there a way to ask people to determine emerging priorities – possibly a survey? [Away Day]. E.g. Sister Marianne has found that publishing dates in early September for sacramental ceremonies in the spring and summer has helped parents adjust shift patterns.

- 8. Synodal Journey** – update on parish meeting on 25th May. The seven parishioners who had attended had a wide-ranging discussion and JK had since circulated a note of this to PPC members, including comments from Jon Rosebank and Penelope Middelboe. **ACTION:** Invite Jon Rosebank and Penelope Middelboe to come speak to the PPC about the Synodal Pathway (JK). JG also suggested inviting Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP, who has been involved in the meetings at the Vatican, to speak to Parish re Synodal Pathway (Fr M).

9. Vision & Mission areas – progress: - an area of focus for the Away Day

a. **Evangelisation & Formation** (welcome, 'Good News', faith development)- JH asked if Away Day will help shape issues and how we move things forward. This was confirmed.

b. **Liturgy & Worship** (inc. prayer, sacramental preparation, ecumenical fellowship)

Ecumenism – Headington Churches/Wheatley – Anna provided an update

A Rocha (Rock in Portuguese) – have a programme for assessing and promoting ecological Christianity. **ACTION:** Ask Justice & Peace Group to explore its website presence.

Film night and discussion (café film 'Global Caring' about Laudato Si) was held in Corpus Christi hall and attended by many other churches, although few of our parishioners.

Holy Trinity's "The Great Stink" offered an evening lecture on development of sewage disposal in UK since Victorian times.

Forthcoming meeting 15 June 11am on Bullington Centre re Lye Valley - meeting and walk - meant to engage Headington churches to see how all can help. AB and others plan to attend.

Christian Churches Hastings taking place 16th June. **ACTION:** AB to inform JG and SL for announcements

Churches Together suggested prayer sessions to be hosted by different churches. **ACTION** FM to explore.

Churches Together also asking for help with their website - if there are any tech savvy volunteers.

Sacramental Preparation - Sister MA reported that sacramental preparation has evolved to include people when they come and talk to FM and SMA at different points in the year.

SL asked if we can include opportunities for young people to become more engaged. Sister MA observed that some of those recently confirmed could become readers for example.

- c. **Social Outreach** - update from Action for a Fairer World Group (formerly Justice & Peace) from SW-

In light of forthcoming General Election - encouraging parishioners to exercise their democratic right in the upcoming election. Promotion in newsletter, etc

Sustainability - working across the community through churches together in Headington on sustainability issues. Wheatley already has a well-established community.

Live Simply - building on the live simply work - film Global Caring, plastic recycling in lent and awareness raising on recycling

Solidarity - supporting wider social issues beyond our parish through CAFOD collections & awareness of other issues, e.g. Clothing collection for the Porch (local homeless facility) and food bank contributions.

10. Finance Council

- a. Progress with PV Panels for CC Church roof. FM observed there were a number of factors to consider and he was liaising with architect. An ecology/energy audit of the parish was suggested (other Dioceses have engaged with these) and there was a need to work towards the Diocesan goal of sustainability by 2030. **ACTION** FM to speak with JH about options.
- b. Donations to charity from events, gift aid, etc. **ACTION** FM to raise at forthcoming meeting of Finance Council.

11. Any Other Business

SL asked about dates for Days of Reflection for Advent and Lent. 23rd November was confirmed for Advent day with ST & JK giving apologies. Lent tbc.

Closing prayer – the meeting closed with a prayer

Some Key Dates:

Liturgy/Sacramental 2024

Advent 2024 Sun 1st December (2025 is a Jubilee Year)

PPC Meetings in 2024 – 1200 in CC Church Hall: Sat 7th September, Sat 7th December 2024