

MINUTES
Parish Pastoral Council
Corpus Christi and Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday 7th September 2024 – 12.00-13.30, Parish Hall, Headington

Vision: A welcoming and dynamic Catholic community, with the Eucharist at the centre, reaching out to all.

Present: Sharon Taylor, John Guy, John Kirwan, John Hanlon, Shalini Lalvani, Anna Brooke, Maureen O’Neill, Nick Kenworthy-Browne. **Apologies** - Fr. Mervyn, Sr Marie Ann, Ruth Kennell, Sula Wiltshire, Marc Laferty, Edwina Vernon

1. Opening prayer
2. Minutes of last meeting – 8th June 2024 Approved
3. Matters arising from the minutes (not covered by items on the agenda)
 - Parish Guide (ML)- awaiting update from ML. A wider issue of communication across all media needs to be considered.
 - Notice boards (SL)- Fr Mervyn consulting with the architect, Rob Eyles, about the materials to be used and a quote. Leti Da Cruz Gomes to be kept abreast and involved in updating.
 - Parish renewal – Called & Gifted discernment process. JK had had further discussions with Fr. Mervyn, who is keen for it to go ahead in the parish and ideally the Deanery. Interest to be gauged in the coming weeks with a view to running a programme in early 2025, depending on availability of the Portsmouth team.
4. Safeguarding update (RK, note sent in advance)- we are currently getting our new Safeguarding rep, Linda O’Sullivan through the checks process so that she can help Ruth. Ruth has recently refreshed her Parish Safeguarding rep training and will be asking someone from the Diocese Safeguarding Team to come and visit, once Linda is on board, to ensure we are compliant with requirements
5. Social activities & plans (SL)- Christmas Fete 1 December 2024. Wheatley celebrating monthly gatherings and 28th September is the 60th Anniversary of the first mass at Our Lady of Lourdes, with a sit-down dinner after mass. Every month there is an “Meet and Eat” in the parish hall at CC - now booked up until April. October is the Kenyan community and at present November has an Italian theme. Suggestion made of a Parish theatre trip to see Sleeping Beauty in Oxford.
6. Synodal Journey – update. The final session of the Synod on Synodality takes place in October in Rome. Jon R & Penelope M have agreed to update the PPC at the 7th December meeting. Fr Mervyn to follow up with Fr. Timothy Radcliffe (Guest Preacher and Spiritual Director for the whole Synod) about speaking to parish/deanery on synodality.
7. Away Days – 6th July reflections; thoughts on follow up day on Saturday **12th October**. The away day in July had been very useful in considering discernment and needs and the October day would build on this. JH asked for a bit more structure with a view to getting some agreed outcomes from the second day. Action: JK to talk with Fr M and Dolores O’M to update agenda. Sr MA has kindly agreed to provide a simple lunch.
8. Communication with PPC - suggestions received from parishioners – none received this time.
9. Vision & Mission areas – progress:
 - a. Evangelisation & Formation (welcome, ‘Good News’, faith development) – plans to Christmas- JK is considering running some Café style sessions (if dates fit), Zoom night prayer on Mondays or Tuesdays in Advent.
 - b. Liturgy & Worship (inc. prayer, sacramental preparation, ecumenical fellowship). Sr MA had communicated that the Confirmation date is set for 21 June 2025. Preparation starts after Christmas and arrangements will be made in the coming months. In SR MA’s absence, Tom Walker is taking on the 9:00

am Children's Liturgy, commencing in the next week or two and young people will read bidding prayers again once Fr M is back from holiday.

New Lectionary - readers meeting on Fri 25th Oct in the hall, 7-9pm, with Fr Allen Morris, who will explain the changes. New Sunday Missal - sign up available for discounted copies at the back of the churches.

Jubilee year 2025 – starts in Advent - useful information at "Pilgrims of Hope"
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/parish-resources-for-the-jubilee/>

Parish Retreat Day scheduled for Saturday 23 November - Fr M is giving an Advent talk. Conscious of his workload, it was agreed to ask Fr M if he would like other speakers to be invited for future retreats, or whether he prefers to lead them. Action JH. ST mentioned that she could speak with Sr. Katherine O'Neill for Lenten talk.

Ecumenism – Headington Churches/Wheatley (AB) - handouts for Lye Valley project have gone through some 2500 doors in the community. Follow up is a water pilgrimage next year. Hustings were organised before the election, with 100 in attendance, but no Labour or Conservative representatives. Lib Dems and a number of fringe parties were represented. Ecumenical communal prayer via Zoom on Mondays, using Quaker process, is ongoing. Treasurer is sorting out finances of Headington Churches and a volunteer for the website has been found. An Interfaith vigil of Peace and Remembrance, at either Broad Street or Bonn Square, is being organised by Oxford Council of Faith on 6th October at 7pm. Non-partisan, focus on peace and justice.

- c. Social Outreach (incl. J&P/Action for a Fairer World; support for those in need) –
 - i. St Vincent de Paul (SVP) – speaker about their work coming to masses on w/e 20th October, with a follow up meeting in the CC hall on evening of Thurs 24th
 - ii. Update from Action for a Fairer World Group
CAFOD received funding from collection. Cafod fast day on 4 October - a soup lunch will be held in CC hall.
Friends of Holy Land is continuing to provide support across the Holy Land and despite the current war is looking at how to support longer term projects.
CC doesn't have a food bank ambassador and needs someone to take it on.

10. Finance Council – (Finance, building & resources).

- i. Ecology audit, progress with PV Panels for CC Church roof. JH - solar Panels still under discussion with architect and may need some form of energy assessment to ensure best investment. JH has a contact.
- ii. Donations to charity from parish
The Finance Council has been considering this. After some discussions, the PPC agreed that greater clarity was required over how proceeds of events were used and how much goes to identified charities. This needs to be agreed in advance of events and clearly promoted so that everyone is clear. Action: Fr M to be asked to clarify with FC.

11. Any Other Business

- i. Identifying volunteers for Welcoming at masses and to work towards having a rota, starting with the 6.30pm mass at CC,. JHG to look into
- ii. NKB - offered 12 of 19 January for a further Quiz night
- iii. JG - Dona electronic payment units are being replaced with a more up to date system. Users will have to re-register cards (online) to be recognised for Gift Aid.

Next Meetings: Away Day Sat 12th October, 11am-3pm. PPC Sat 7th December 12.00-13.30.