

PASTORAL CO-ORDINATING GROUP MEETING
Thursday 14th May 2009

PRESENT: Fr Robert	George Phillips	Kathy Pope
Deacon John	Sharon Mileham	Jacek Kostuch
Mary Phillips	June Blakemore	Linda Nolan
Ann Bassett	Tom Regan	Sarah Down
John Ballard	Breda Kurth	

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. APOLOGIES: None

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Approved.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

Fundraising:

- The forming of a small Fundraising Subcommittee was proposed by Fr. Robert and agreed by all members of PCG.
- New Fundraising subcommittee: Jacek Kostuch, Ann Bassett, Sharon Mileham, Breda Kurt
- Hilary Hoskin's letter and any other fundraising ideas to be considered by new fundraising subcommittee.

Other matters arising: Ann Bassett thanked Fr. Robert and the Servers for ensuring that the candles were positioned further away from the tapestry. She reported that the new tapestry would be finished in approximately two months.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- ***Silver Cross:*** The Silver Cross that has been entrusted to the Church's keeping by Restormel Borough Council is being blessed at Buckfast Abbey on Saturday 16th May together with the new Apostleship of the Sea banner. Ann Bassett organised for the Cross to be cleaned. Diana Cross would like to pay for that. Thanks are extended to Diana for her generosity.
- ***CWL Request Form:*** PCG approved dates for:
Cake Stall – Sunday 31st May, after 10.30am Mass
Good clothes Sale – Saturday 13th June at 2pm
- ***"How Hard Can It Be?":*** It was agreed that the Music Group should host a talk by Steve Lee on his work with a Youth Project for 13/14yr olds in Totton, Hampshire. He will be at St. Augustine's on Friday, July 3rd on his sponsored bike ride from Land's End to John O' Groats and Jacek has offered to give him accommodation for the night. Jacek is going to liaise with Steve.
- ***Victims of Abortion:*** The PCG agreed that the Victims of Abortion poster should be displayed in the Porch with the other information on Support Agencies.

6. JUSTICE & PEACE REPORT

CAFOD Hands: This initiative is going ahead and members of the Justice and Peace Group are going to organise the distribution of the "Hands".

J&P Talks: The Justice and Peace group are hosting a talk by Christine Reid from the Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support Council on the work of the Massiandae Centre at their meeting on Thursday 2nd July at 7.30pm. John Ballard requested that this should be

thrown open to a wider audience, including our own parishioners and the other churches in the St. Austell area. This was approved by the PCG. The Justice and Peace Group felt that an alternative venue should be sought for a further talk on the Palestinian situation i.e. Mount Charles Methodist Church.

7. REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

Repairs: Fr. Robert's office and entrance hall have been redecorated. Work will soon start on the church roof.

Parish Accounts: Tom went through the accounts, pointing out that there was a deficit of £6,000 this year. Normal giving is down. The hire of the car park by Woodland Road Surgery brings in £1,800 per year. The Bookshop takings are down on account of its recent re-organisation. He mentioned a one off donation of £5,000 to the Parish by the parish in Wimborne. The Church's outgoings have been increased in the past year on account of the Quinquennial Electrical Inspection and church redecoration. Office expenses were also increased because of the hire of a new photocopier. Tom also explained the way the Diocesan Levy is calculated - % of our income combined with the Levy of Mass Attendance taken in October. Fr. Roberts extended thanks on behalf of the PCG to Tom and Judy for preparing the accounts.

8. DEANERY MATTERS: A copy of the report is to be given to all members of the PCG.

- **Fundraising:** Suggestions made by Deanery will be passed on to the new Fundraising subcommittee.
- **Deanery Forum Representative:** June asked whether anyone would be interested in becoming a representative. She stressed that it was not a heavy commitment – Three meetings a year!
- **Deanery Youth:** Truro is hosting a Deanery Youth Evening BBQ on 7th July at 6.30pm. She also showed the PCG a booklet entitled "Bridging the Gap" produced by the youth of the Deanery with the help of a grant from Cornwall Council.

9. SOCIAL GROUP REPORT:

- **St. Mewan Sinfonia Concert:** The PCG agreed that the Hospice should have the opportunity to give a brief talk during the concert on 20th June. Jacek reported that the sale of tickets and publicity were well under way and that it was hoped that as many parishioners as were able would help with the sale of tickets.
- **Flower Arranging Group:** Angela Hyland has requested the formation of a Flower arranging Group for the summer months. She wondered whether it would be possible to meet on a Wednesday evening after the RCIA sessions are completed. Fr. Robert is going to check the diary with Sarah.

10. ECUMENICAL MATTERS

Kathy suggested that, owing to the success of Par Council of Churches Easter Carol Service and Workshop with a member of the Royal School of Church Music, we might consider this for a future ecumenical event. This was agreed. She also passed on the website address of Inter Church Families: <http://interchurchfamilies.org.uk/> Kathy is going to let Sarah have a list of Par Council of Churches dates for the diary.