

# Pastoral Co-ordinating Group

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2009

**PRESENT:** Deacon John June Blakemore Kathy Pope  
John Ballard Breda Kurth Tom Regan  
Ann Bassett Sharon Mileham

## ACTION

### 1. OPENING PRAYER

2. **APOLOGIES** Fr. Robert, Sarah Down, Linda Nolan, Mary Phillips, George Phillips.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** Agreed.

4. **MATTERS ARISING** Autumn Fayre and Feast Weekend - see AOB, item 11.

### 5. CORRESPONDENCE

**Letter from Fr Robert re Legacy** – this was read and noted. It confirmed discussion at the last meeting, ie that the parish debt has now been fully paid off with the help of a legacy. Fr Robert also expressed thanks, on behalf of the parish, to all who had contributed, supported or enabled steady repayments to be made over the years.

**Invitation to Launch of the Street Pastors** – an invitation from Debbie Stephens, co-ordinator, to attend the launch of this Christian initiative being held on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> September in St Austell. Father Robert is away and no-one present at the meeting was able to attend. John Ballard informed members that this initiative came under the aegis of ‘Churches Together’.

### 6. JUSTICE & PEACE REPORT

Minutes of the last meeting were circulated. John highlighted the plight of STAK in seeking new premises in the town. Also Racial Justice Sunday on 13<sup>th</sup> September – there will be a display in the narthex and John Sanders will mention this in the children’s liturgy newsletter.

JS

### 7. REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

- Tom Regan reported that, following a Health & Safety check and concern about safety glass, 4 windows have had to be replaced including the fire exit in St Monica’s room.
- Mention was made about the ‘loop system’ giving trouble. People using this system are encouraged to sit around the edge (sides) of the church. Tom had contacted the Cornwall Deaf Society and confirmed that someone would be visiting to check the system.
- With reference to the gate leading to the underpass - the bars were being replaced in 2 weeks’ time.
- Portable electrical equipment is being tested for health and safety purposes.

## 8. DEANERY MATTERS

The Deanery Forum AGM is being held on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> September at Newquay. Breda Kurth is replacing June Blakemore as parish representative from that date. Pat Kotwinski, Breda and June will be attending the AGM.

## 9. SOCIAL GROUP REPORT

**'St Augustine of Hippo' letter to other parishes** – It was felt that this was not now appropriate as the parish debt has been cleared.

**Hymn Books** – In Jacek's absence Deacon John would ask Theresa Fookes to seek the opinion of the music group with regard to the suggestion of loose leaf format/electronic format as an alternative to purchasing a large number of new hymn books. JS

## 10. ECUMENICAL MATTERS

John Ballard has minutes of the last meeting of the Churches Together in St Austell. The 2 lay representative from St Augustines are Sylvia Ryan and John Ballard. John informed us that St Augustines Church was suggested as the proposed venue for the Ecumenical service to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2010. The AGM will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> September at the Baptist Church. Deacon John will inform Sylvia Ryan of this. JS

Kathy Pope circulated leaflets concerning Interchurch Families.

Faith Walk for Dor Kemmyn – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September

One World Week service – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 6 pm Leekseed Church

Advent Service – 29<sup>th</sup> November, 6 pm St Blazey Church

Carols at Somerfield, St Blazey – 19<sup>th</sup> December at 0.30 am.

## 11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

**Autumn Fayre** – Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> November has been provisionally booked. Ann Bassett mentioned that there may be less stalls this year, eg no china and glass. The issue of storage was discussed – St Monica's Room is usually used with stallholders also being responsible for the items on their Individual stalls, both before and after the event.

**Feast Week** – Tom Regan stated that the income, including sale of Art was approximately £1,745. Expenditure £811, Feast Day envelopes £774.

A discussion followed about the heating system in the church as Hilary Hoskin had originally suggested the idea of Art & Craft exhibition as a way of fundraising for this. We have to comply with Diocesan policy with regard to raising funds for specific events. Ann Bassett will inform Hilary. Tom Regan told the meeting that several parishioners are looking into the problem of heating the church. AB

## 12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 8th October 2009 after 7 pm Mass.